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Synopsis

Earth's top weapon specialist's soul crossed over to an alternate world, merged with Rebirth Martial Emperor's memories, cultivating Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique, sweeping through all opposition with invincible might!

Able to refine medicine, capable of crafting weapons, and knows the art of inscription....

Being skilled in all professions is the way of kings!

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Chapter 501: Another World

"Squeak squeak~" But, the little gold mouse was slightly unhappy, and she said via voice transmission, "Big Brother Ling Tian, if you can't go out... Then wouldn't it mean that I wouldn't have meat to eat?"

"You little fellow, all you know how to do is eat... Don't worry, I'll let you eat your fill when we go out once a month!" Duan Ling Tian said in a slightly vexed tone.

The middle aged man only glanced in surprise at the little gold mouse when he heard her cry, then he turned around and continued heading forward.

Whereas Ji Feng and Sima Yang looked at the little gold mouse with gazes that contained slight terror.

Although the little gold mouse didn't display her strength before them, but just the surplus might of her sharp cry was able to make their slave beasts become uneasy and restless...

They could imagine that this was absolutely not an ordinary pet mouse.

It was very likely a demon beast!

All along the way, Duan Ling Tian noticed that he almost didn't see any buildings in this Dragon and Phoenix Academy, and it was

completely empty.

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian arrived at a place full of holes in the ground under the lead of the middle aged man. There was stagnant water all around this place and many areas even had trash that emitted a pungent stench tossed about, and it was unbearable.

"So stinky." Sima Yang couldn't help but stretch his hand out to pinch his nose, and his expression was slightly unsightly.

Originally, as far as she was concerned, the Dragon and Phoenix Academy was an academy established by the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial Family after all, and even if it was established in a hurry, the environment within it ought to be not bad.

But the facts proved that his thoughts were mistaken, absolutely mistaken.

"Hmm?" Duan Ling Tian's sharp gaze noticed with a glance that there were many tattered tents scattered all around the holey ground.

These tents were covered with tears and were extremely tattered, and if it was a rainy day, these tents would be simply unable to keep out the wind and rain.

Moreover, there were many people standing and looking at these tents, and these people were mostly young men and a few young women.

All of them had a similarity, they weren't over 35 years of age from their appearance.

"This wouldn't be that place the Dragon and Phoenix Academy's students stayed, right?" A bad premonition arose in Duan Ling Tian's heart.

Meanwhile, Ji Feng and Sima Yang wrapped their heads around it, and their faces became grim.

They were Young Masters of great clans that were born with golden spoons in their mouths. When had they stayed in such an environment? Asking them to stay in such a lousy place was simply torturing them.

"In the future, this place is your residence... All of you can casually pick a tent." The middle aged man turned around and glanced indifferently at Duan Ling Tian's group of three before turning around and leaving behind Duan Ling Tian's group of three, who looked at each other in bewilderment.

"We have to stay in this lousy place for a year?" The corners of Sima Yang's mouth twitched, his brows tightly frowned, and his expression was unsightly to the extreme.

Ji Feng's expression was unsightly as well

Only Duan Ling Tian had a calm expression, as the conditions

here weren't too bad to him.

As a mercenary and member of the special forces in his previous life, he'd frequently faced various disgusting environments, and there were even many places that were a hundred or thousand times more disgusting than this place.

So even if the conditions here were extremely bad, he didn't complain.

Only by suffering through the bitterest of the bitter could one become the best of the best!

"Newcomers?" Right at this moment, a slightly hoarse voice sounded out from afar.

Duan Ling Tian's group of three looked over towards where the voice came from.

With just a glance they noticed that there was a building that was like a water tower standing far away from the holey ground, and there was an exquisite small house atop it.

Compared to this towering exquisite house, the tattered tents on the holey ground simply seemed like a residence for beggars.

For a time, Ji Feng and Sima Yang's eyes both went red as they stared fixedly at the exquisite house that stood towering there.

Although this house was far inferior to the houses in their home, but compared to the tattered tent, it was simply heaven.

Only Duan Ling Tian's gaze descended onto the figure that stood before the exquisite house.

This was an old man who wore grey clothes, his face was stiff and a trace of fierceness was revealed from between his brows...

"I'm the Dragon and Phoenix Academy's Vice Dean, Chi Ming, all of you can call me Vice Dean Chi." The grey clothed old man spoke indifferently.

"Vice Dean Chi!" Duan Ling Tian's group of three were shocked when they heard that the old man was actually the Vice Dean of the Dragon and Phoenix Academy, and they hurriedly paid their respects.

Ji Feng and Sima Yang both bowed to the old man, and as for Duan Ling Tian, he only nodded.

This scene caused the old man to take a few extra glances at Duan Ling Tian.

"Since all of you have entered the Dragon and Phoenix Academy, then you must abide by the rules of the academy!" The old man glanced indifferently at Duan Ling Tian's group of three and he said slowly, "I presume that when all of you came here, there'd

already been someone that told all of you that you must abide by the rules of the academy during this year... Now, I'll tell all of you the other two rules!"

As he spoke up to here, the originally muddy eyes of the old man abruptly became fierce, and he said in a deep voice. "Firstly, in our Dragon and Phoenix Academy, different people get different treatment! These tents around all of you are the residences the academy has allocated to all of you now, and you can't change your residences arbitrarily. Otherwise, the academy will expel all of you!"

Not allowed to change the residences arbitrarily?

Duan Ling Tian's brows raised as he was able to understand the meaning within the old man's words.

If this rule wasn't present, then after the students of the academy stayed here for a period of time, they would surely impatiently want to leave the academy to purchase various things outside to improve their living conditions...

After all, the people that were able to be recommended to the academy were all young geniuses from all around the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

These people were all favored disciples in the powers they were from. When had they suffered such hardships?

Whereas now, under this rule, it had dispersed everyone's thoughts of improving their living conditions.

Ji Feng and Sima Yang looked each other in the eye and laughed bitterly when they heard the old man.

A similar thought had emerged in their minds earlier, but unexpectedly, it was directly denied by the academy's rules.

"What sh**ty rules!" The two of them couldn't help but scold in their hearts.

"Vice Dean Chi, what do you mean by different people get different treatment?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"You'll find out about this shortly..." The old man didn't explain, then continued. "The second rule, students of the Dragon and Phoenix Academy can fight each other, but are not allowed to harm another's life, or even cripple one another! Otherwise, the person will be expelled as well."

This was something that didn't come as a surprise to Duan Ling Tian.

The Dragon and Phoenix Academy has the responsibility to protect the safety of all the young geniuses that were recommended into the academy.

"Now, all of you can go find an empty tent to stay in." The old

man paid no attention to Duan Ling Tian's group of three after he finished speaking.

Duan Ling Tian shook his head and was the first to leave and go look for an unoccupied tent.

Presently, the remaining pile of tents were even more tattered than the others...

The good tents had already been selected by others.

"I really don't know what the Imperial Family is thinking... Making such a lousy place for us! If they lack money, I'm fully able to cover the expenses for an independent courtyard by myself." Sima Yang's tone was filled with complaint.

"I presume that there's an ulterior motive behind all this." Ji Feng frowned and guessed.

"What ulterior motive could there be?" Sima Yang grunted.

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian's group of three had found their own tents, and the three tents weren't far away from each other.

The tent was extremely small, and when they opened the tent, they were able to see the large amounts of cockroach excrements within it. It caused one to be disgusted and unable to accept it just from its looks.

"F**k! What the f**k is this place? People can stay here?" Sima Yang, who'd just stretched out his hand to open the tent, became gloomy and he once again closed up the tent.

Meanwhile, many people had come over, and then they chose the tents that belonged to them. The expressions of these people weren't sightly, and many of them even couldn't refrain from grumbling.

"Time to eat!" A sonorous voice suddenly sounded out.

It was a middle aged man that was walking over with large strides while carried a few large trays, and atop these trays was some rice that was so sparse that one couldn't see any rice on the tray, and a moldy mantou...

"A bowl of rice soup and a mantou?" Duan Ling Tian received his own food and had an astonished expression.

How would he cultivate when he wouldn't be full from eating this?

"I endured staying in this type of sh**ty place... But can these things even be eaten?" Sima Yang, who had an unsightly expression, had finally exploded, and with a raise of his hand, he tossed his food onto the ground.

Ji Feng frowned as well, when had he eaten food like this since he

was young?

Although Duan Ling Tian felt it to be unbelievable, he didn't think anything was wrong with it. Perhaps this was the academy's way of giving them experience.

Right when Duan Ling Tian intended to bite the mantou and drink the rice soup.

Another few middle aged men appeared before the eyes of Duan Ling Tian and the others, and these middle aged men had come to deliver food as well.

But, the trays on their hands were instead filled with fragrant rice and various mouthwatering good wine and delicacies...

"Hmph! Eating these is just about right." The expressions of Sima Yang and Ji Feng both eased up.

But they were quickly stunned.

They saw the middle aged man that held these sumptuous dishes directly walk past their area and walk further in the academy.

At that place was a large gate that lead to another area.

"These dishes aren't for us?" Sima Yang's face was gloomy, then his figure flashed out to stop one of the middle aged men that

carried the fine wine and delicacies, and he said in a deep voice. "What is the meaning of this? Giving us rice soup and moldy mantous, yet others get fine wine and delicacies?"

"Hmph!" The middle aged man glanced indifferently at Sima Yang. "If you have the ability then all of you can go replace them! So long as all of you enter the Inner Hall, you'll naturally be able to enjoy similar treatment."

As soon as he finished speaking, the middle aged man paid no further attention to Sima Yang, and he passed through the gate to enter into the other area.

Inner Hall?

The middle aged man's words caused the group of young geniuses including Sima Yang, Ji Feng, and Duan Ling Tian to have bewildered expressions.

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian and the others couldn't help but follow up to the middle aged man.

Behind the gate, what appeared before the eyes of Duan Ling Tian and the others was virtually another world.

Chapter 502: Chai Jin

Presently, a luxurious area paved with limestone had appeared before the eyes of Duan Ling Tian and the others.

This area was paved with limestones and 10 wide and luxurious courtyards stood there in perfect order, and every courtyard had a spacious house. The lawn outside the house was planted full of plants and flowers, and birds sung as the fragrance of flowers suffused the air.

Compared to the area that Duan Ling Tian and the others were currently at, this area was virtually like another world!

Along with the entrance of the middle aged men sending the food, a young geniuses successively walked out of each of the ten courtyards, then they received the fine wine and delicacies before returning to their courtyards to start feasting.

"Isn't the person within that courtyard the Crazy Young Master, Luo Zhan?" Suddenly, an exclaim of surprise sounded out by Duan Ling Tian's ear.

Crazy Young Master?

Duan Ling Tian's brows raised.

Although he'd never seen this Crazy Young Master in the past, Duan Ling Tian had heard of him long ago.

Crazy Young Master was in the lead of the five great young masters of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, and in terms of strength and natural talent, he was the best amongst the five great young masters!

"Luo Zhan!" Sima Yang and Ji Feng who were beside Duan Ling Tian had successively recognized the Crazy Young Master, Luo Zhan, as well.

Not only that, they recognized quite a few of the young geniuses that occupied the other nine courtyards...

"What's going on? Why is their treatment so good, yet ours is so bad?" Sima Yang had a gloomy expression and his voice was exceedingly cold.

"Perhaps... This is what Vice Dean Chi meant earlier, different people enjoy different treatment." Duan Ling Tian's brows raised as he spoke slowly.

The nearby Ji Feng couldn't help but nod as he agreed with Duan Ling Tian's words.

"Exactly! All of us that are recommended to the Dragon and Phoenix Academy will be brought to the Outer Hall to stay on the grounds with stinking air, to sleep in the torn and tattered tents, and to eat the moldy mantous and rice soup which rice can't be found within... Whereas if we want to change our current circumstance, then there's only one way, and that is to enter the

Inner Hall!" An Outer Hall young genius walked over, and after he'd successfully attracted the gazes of Duan Ling Tian and the others, he continued. "All of you have seen it... The treatment in the Inner Hall is completely different to our Outer Hall! In the Inner Hall, not only would you have the best living conditions, but even every meal would consist of fine wine and delicacies.

"Moreover, there's only one way to enter the Inner Hall and stay in these luxurious courtyards... And that is to defeat a young genius from the Inner Hall and replace him! In this way, the person that wins the challenge against the young genius would be able to obtain the treatment given previously to the person he'd defeated, and would be able to stay in a comfortable and luxurious house and eat the best fine wine and delicacies." This young genius from the Outer Hall finished speaking in one go.

He had an expression of envy as he spoke.

"In this way, then if a person that is unable to stay within the Inner Hall after a year... Then even if the competition between geniuses begins, it would practically be impossible for the person to obtain the qualifications to head to the Darkstone Empire's Imperial City and approach the Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties!" Suddenly, someone spoke out.

"It can be put that way." The Outer Hall young geniuses from before nodded, then his eyes lit up. "So, I've given myself a goal right now... I must work hard to break through during this year and strive to win a place in the Inner Hall! Presently, the weakest people in the Inner Hall are all existences at the ninth level of the Nascent Soul Stage or above.

"And this is because not everyone had arrived... All the young geniuses that were recommended by the various powers of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom will gather here in the next few days. At that time, a person without a cultivation at the Half-step Void Stage or above will probably find it difficult to obtain a footing in the Inner Hall."

When they heard this, the people beside Duan Ling Tian, including Ji Feng and Sima Yang, had serious expressions, and they all deeply agreed with what the former had said.

"So to say, so long as I'm able to defeat any one of them, I'll be able to replace them and stay within their courtyards and enjoy the fine wine and delicacies they're enjoying now?" Sima Yang's eyes lit up and his figure flashed to charge towards the gate before entering the area of the Inner Hall.

He intended to directly initiate a challenge and replace one of the young geniuses in the Inner Hall.

"You're not allowed to issue a challenge during meal time and sleeping time!" Right at this moment, a powerful voice sounded out from behind everyone, and at the same time, it entered into Sima Yang's ears, causing Sima Yang to be unable to help but stop in his tracks.

It was precisely the voice of the Vice Dean, Chi Ming.

Presently, Chi Ming stood outside the exquisite house that was

like a watch tower, and his sharp gaze captured the sights of everything within the Inner Hall and Outer Hall.

"Looks like to a certain extent, the Vice Dean is staying here for the sake of monitoring everything in the Inner Hall and Outer Hall! If anyone dares break the rules, the person would probably be dragged out in a short moment." Duan Ling Tian looked at the old man as he thought in his heart.

"Hmph! Then I'll wait for them to finish eating." Sima Yang withdrew himself.

Meanwhile, when the group of Outer Hall young geniuses heard someone wanted to challenge the young geniuses of the Inner Hall, they all finished eating the rice soup and moldy mantous in their hands before leaving their tents and walking over to watch the show.

Bang!

A clear sound of shattering sounded out, it was the sound of a bowl full of rice soup being tossed to the ground, and a moldy mantou was tossed down with it.

For a time, the gazes of everyone in the Outer Hall shot at Duan Ling Tian.

It was precisely Duan Ling Tian who tossed away the rice soup and moldy mantou.

"I originally thought that everyone received the same treatment... But now it seems like it isn't so! Since it's like this, then there's no need for me to eat these things." Duan Ling Tian thought in his heart, and his sharp gaze shot at the Inner Hall.

Bang!

Right at this moment, Sima Yang tossed the rice soup and moldy mantou in his hand onto the ground, then he fiercely stomped on them. "I'm not f**king eating this sh*t! I want to drink fine wine and eat delicacies!"

"Me too." Ji Feng shook his head and smiled, then he tossed away the rice soup and mantou in his hand.

This caused the group of young geniuses in the Outer Hall to sigh.

"So it's the Ji Clan's Ji Feng and the Sima Clan's Sima Yang... No wonder they're so confident and dare to directly toss away the rice soup and mantou."

"Ji Feng? Sima Yang? They're the figures in our Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom that possessed a natural talent only inferior to the five great young masters?"

"Exactly! It's precisely them. I presume it isn't difficult for them to occupy a place in the Inner Hall with their strengths."

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Some young geniuses of the Outer Hall recognize Ji Feng and Sima Yang, and they all sighed with emotion.

"I'm not surprised that Ji Feng and Sima Yang are confident... But this violet clothed young man was the first to toss away the rice soup and mantou, and he seems to be extremely confident."

"This young man looks to be not more than 25 years old... Even if he has taken good care of his appearance, he ought to not be older than 30! I never heard that such a figure existed in the younger generation of our Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom."

"Hmph!" He has already tossed away the rice soup and mantou, if he's unable to enter the Inner Hall... Then he'll have to go hungry."

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Many young geniuses of the Outer Hall couldn't help but shake their heads, and they didn't look favorably upon Duan Ling Tian.

These people were all young geniuses that had entered the academy early in the beginning.

Presently, there were many people present that had entered the academy today, and they all had expressions of disdain when they heard this.

These people are actually looking down on Duan Ling Tian?

Now, they slightly anticipated how surprised these people would be when they witnessed Duan Ling Tian's strength and found out of Duan Ling Tian's identity...

They tacitly kept quiet about Duan Ling Tian's identity and didn't refute these people, because they knew that there was no need for them to refute, as Duan Ling Tian would use his actions to prove everything.

At this moment, even Ji Feng and Sima Yang tacitly kept Duan Ling Tian's identity a secret, as they obviously had almost similar thoughts.

"These fellows eat so slowly." Sima Yang frowned and he had an impatient expression.

Looking at others drinking fine wine and savoring delicacies, whereas he himself stood here with a hungry stomach was a feeling that was extremely displeasing.

Finally, amongst the 10 Inner Hall courtyards, a young man that was a little over 30 years old was the first to finish cleaning up his fine wine and delicacies, then he stood up and his gaze of ridicule descended onto the group of people that Duan Ling Tian was in, and he grinned. "Is there anyone that wants to challenge me, Chai Jin?"

Chai Jin!

Duan Ling Tian noticed that as soon as the young man spoke, the faces of Ji Feng, Sima Yang, and many of the Outer Hall young geniuses had shocked expressions.

Those young geniuses that weren't shocked were the young geniuses that had entered into the academy since a long time ago, and the reason they weren't surprised was because they knew of Chai Jin's existence since long ago.

"Chai Jin?" When he saw that even Ji Feng and Sima Yang lost their composes like this, Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force swept out under his curiosity, and it enveloped Chai Jin.

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian found out the reason why the expressions of Ji Feng and the others were filled with shock.

"This Chai Jin actually is a first level Void Prying Stage martial artist?" Duan Ling Tian was slightly surprised.

A first level Void Prying Stage martial artist that was a little over 30...

Such natural talent was able to be compared with figures like the five great young masters.

"It's Chai Jin! The number one genius of the Black Fiend Sect."

"Supposedly, this Chai Jin rose abruptly in the Black Fiend Sect in the recent years, and he used to be completely unknown in the past... In terms of natural talent, he's even not inferior to any one of the five great young masters of our Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom."

"Allegedly, Chai Jin had already broken through to the first level of the Void Prying Stage half a year ago!"

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The crowd of Outer Hall disciples discussed animatedly.

When these discussions entered into Duan Ling Tian's ears, it caused Duan Ling Tian's face to become gloomy.

Black Fiend Sect?

He wouldn't forget this sect in his entire lifetime!

The Black Fiend Sect, the sect that had once annihilated the Boundless Sect...

There wasn't any connection between Duan Ling Tian and the Boundless Sect, and Duan Ling Tian didn't care about the Boundless Sect being annihilated by the Black Fiend Sect.

What Duan Ling Tian really cared about was the scenes of having his dignity being trampled on by the Black Fiend Sect's Elder in the Misty Forest outside Aurora City...

He wouldn't be able to forget everything that happened that day for his entire lifetime.

He still remembered that the Black Fiend Sect Elders was called Sun Rui!

"Sima, weren't you complaining that they ate so slowly? Now that someone has finished eating, do you want to challenge him?" Ji Feng looked at Sima Yang, and his eyes narrowed as he smiled.

Sima Yang rolled his eyes at Ji Feng. "If you're able, then go ahead... If I go up against him while being fully aware that he's a martial artist at the first level of the Void Prying Stage, then wouldn't I be looking for a beating?"

"I challenge you!" A cold and low shout suddenly sounded out.

Chapter 503: Sword Young Master's Comprehension Ability

Along with the cold and low shout sounding out, everyone present including Duan Ling Tian looked towards the person that spoke.

This was a young man in white robes, his face was like a jade sculpture with starry eyes and sword shaped brows, and he possessed a graceful bearing.

The most attention catching was the sheathed sword he carried on his back.

After all, none of the young geniuses present wouldn't possess a Spatial Ring, so very few people kept their weapons outside.

Whereas this white robed young man didn't look like someone who couldn't afford a Spatial Ring, no matter how one looked at him.

"Sword Young Master!" Right when Duan Ling Tian was still wondering about this person's identity, a sudden voice sounded out and caused Duan Ling Tian to be as if awakened from a dream.

Sword Young Master?

The person who's ranked number four in the five great young

masters of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom?

"A member of the Origin Convergence Sect!" In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian recalled the other identity of this Sword Young Master, and his face couldn't help but sink.

The Origin Convergence Sect had now combined itself with the other two great sects to form the Azure Forest Tri-Sect, and although it ceased to exist except in name, the sect still existed.

Most importantly, when the Seven Star Sword Sect was annihilated that day, the Origin Convergence Sect occupied a foremost position and was the biggest enemy of the Seven Star Sword Sect.

"I never expectedly that the Sword Young Master had come as well." The appearance of the Sword Young Master had successfully raised the atmosphere of the scene, and some Outer Hall students even looked at Sword Young Master in adoration.

Sword Young Master, Chen Shao Shuai!

One of the five great young masters of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

Many years ago, he'd spread his name throughout the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom with a single sword in his hands, and he was publically acknowledged as an outstanding talent in the younger generation of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

"First level Void Prying Stage?" Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force stretched out and discovered Sword Young Master's cultivation at the first possible moment, and he couldn't help himself from being slightly surprised.

With a slight thought, he came to an understanding.

Although this Sword Young Master's ranking amongst the five great young masters was below the Zither Young Master, the Zither Young Master had already stepped into the Half-step Void Stage more than one year ago.

So this Sword Young Master's cultivation stepping into the Void Prying Stage now wasn't surprising.

Perhaps, it was because of the hostile relationship between the Seven Star Sword Sect and the Origin Convergence Sect, slight hostility faintly emerged from Duan Ling Tian towards this Sword Young Master.

Suddenly, seeming to have noticed the hostility of Duan Ling Tian, the Sword Young Master's gaze shot at Duan Ling Tian.

"I saw you at the gate to the Dragon and Phoenix Academy earlier, you're the Seven Star Sword Sect's Duan Ling Tian! If you're dissatisfied with me because of the Origin Convergence Sect, then you don't have to be so." An indifferent voice transmission entered into Duan Ling Tian's ears in a timely manner. "Presently, the Origin Convergence Sect doesn't exist any

longer, and I'm not an Origin Convergence Sect disciple any longer."

The Origin Convergence Sect doesn't exist any longer!

Duan Ling Tian was able to discern that this voice transmission was precisely that Sword Young Master.

Duan Ling Tian frowned when he heard Sword Young Master, and he couldn't refrain from asking via voice transmission. "What do you mean by this?"

"All those years ago, I was cheated into the Origin Convergence Sect by an old fellow... I'd once promised him that I'd be an Origin Convergence Sect disciple for my entire lifetime! But, now that the Origin Convergence Sect doesn't exist any longer, my promise from that time is naturally invalid." At the beginning of his voice transmission, the Sword Young Master slightly gnashed his teeth, but as he finished speaking, there was slight freedom within it.

It was as if the Origin Convergence Sect not existing any longer was a good thing to him.

He's recovered his freedom!

"It's of no concern to me if you're an Origin Convergence Sect disciple or not... I only know that if you dare obstruct me when I'm taking revenge on that Azure Forest Tri-Sect for the Seven Star Sword Sect, then you'll be the enemy of I, Duan Ling Tian!" Duan

Ling Tian glanced deeply at Sword Young Master, and his tone was terrifyingly calm.

Sword Young Master's figure jerked when he heard this, and he glanced deeply at Duan Ling Tian as a composed smile appeared on the corners of his mouth, then he said via voice transmission. "The rise and fall of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect isn't related to me in the slightest... Besides that, I wouldn't go so far as to bring trouble for myself! The biggest mistake that Azure Forest Tri-Sect did when annihilating the Seven Star Sword Sect was perhaps allowing you to escape."

The Sword Young Master's words possessed great admiration towards Duan Ling Tian, and he seemed to be confident that Duan Ling Tian had the ability to take revenge for the Seven Star Sword Sect.

This caused Duan Ling Tian to be rather surprised.

"Sword Young Master!"

"Sword Young Master!"

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Sword Young Master walked over slowly, the Outer Hall students that blocked the way towards the Inner Hall had all moved open to make a path, and many even greeted him humbly.

Ji Feng and Sima Yang looked silently at the Sword Young Master, and their eyes contained slight terror mixed within.

Although they were well-renowned in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, they were greatly inferior compared to the Sword Young Master, who was a figure amongst the five great young masters.

Even to a certain extent, they were completely suppressed by the five great young masters in every aspect, and they were suppressed to the point they couldn't catch their breaths.

Sword Young Master passed through the gate and entered the Inner Hall.

Whereas now, the Black Fiend Sect genius disciple, Chai Jin, who was inside the Inner Hall slowly walked out, and he looked at Sword Young Master with eyes filled with battle intent. "I heard long ago that Sword Young Master is the only sword cultivator amongst the five great young masters... Today, Chai Jin wants to properly experience if you, Sword Young Master, are worthy of your reputation!"

"Make your move... I haven't eaten yet." Sword Young Master had a calm gaze as he spoke slightly impatiently.

Sword Young Master's words caused the corners of the mouths of the surrounding spectating Outer Hall students to be unable to refrain from twitching.

They were naturally able to discern the meaning within Sword Young Master's words.

It was none other than firmly believing that Chai Jin would suffer defeat at his hand... Whereas he would replace Chai Jin and make the Dragon and Phoenix Academy prepare fine wine and delicacies for him.

This was the treatment for an Inner Hall student of the Dragon and Phoenix Academy!

"Looks like Sword Young Master is extremely confident of yourself..." Chai Jin's face sank when he heard Sword Young Master, and with a raise of his hand, a three foot long blade appeared.

"Since it's like that, then let me experience the ability of Sword Young Master!" As soon as he finished speaking, Chai Jin moved.

Swoosh!

Chai Jin's figure shook before seeming to have transformed into a bolt of lightning that flashed straight towards Sword Young Master.

In the sky, 2,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes condensed into form.

Swish!

Origin Energy raged on the three foot long blade in Chai Jin's hand, and a sword light tore through the sky before transforming into scattered inch long all-pervasive radiances that enveloped Sword Young Master and descended.

Right at this moment, another 760 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared beside the existing 2,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes.

Obviously, the three foot long blade in Chai Jin's hand was a grade six spirit sword.

The might of his strike contained the strength of 2,760 ancient mammoths!

"The Black Fiend Sect's Starpoint Sword Technique? Not bad... But unfortunately, you haven't comprehended Sword Force, and it's difficult for you to ascend greatness in the end!" Sword Young Master spoke with a calm expression when he saw Chai Jin's sword flashing over.

The instant he spoke, Sword Young Master stood on the spot without moving, yet with a raise of his hand, the spirit sword on his back was immediately unsheathed.

In the sky, 2,760 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared similarly.

Swoosh!

In the next moment, the Sword Young Master's sword was swift like a bolt of lightning as it pierced out, and he even didn't use a sword skill, only purely using the basic sword move of stabbing.

"You're courting death!" Chai Jin's expression was unsightly to the extreme when being looked down upon by Sword Young Master, and the speed of the sword in his hand became even swifter.

Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish!

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The scattered inch long radiances were like a descending array of stars that covered the sky, and it formed a heaven encompassing net that enveloped towards Sword Young Master.

Sword Young Master's gaze was calm, and the Origin Energy on his sword that flashed out swiftly suddenly trembled.

In the next moment, a peerlessly fierce aura emerged from within the Origin Energy, then it suffused out to rage and leap about on his sword.

At the same time, another 500 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared beside the existing 2,760 ancient mammoth silhouettes above Sword Young Master.

Instantly, 3,260 ancient mammoth silhouettes dashed out!

"Half-step Advanced Sword Force!" Duan Ling Tian was the first to react, his expression became serious as his heart shook, and his eyes contained slight shock mixed within.

Comprehending Half-step Advanced Sword Force at the first level of the Void Prying Stage?

This comprehension ability was shocking!

Whereas at almost the exact same instant that Duan Ling Tian reacted, the surprised exclaim of the Vice Dean, Chi Ming, who stood outside the exquisite house sounded out in a timely manner.

"Half-step Advanced Sword Force!" Chi Ming's voice wasn't intentionally suppressed, and for a time, it caused the group of Outer Hall students to be as if being awakened from a dream.

"Half-step Advanced Sword Force?" Right when the group of Outer Hall students looked at each other.

Swish!

The sword in Sword Young Master's hand seemed as if it was assisted by the gods, and at this instant, it seemed as if it had transformed into a stroke of the gods as it stabbed towards the hand Chai Jin held his sword with.

Clang!

In the next moment, the sound of iron weapons colliding sounded out.

Subsequently, everyone notice Chai Jin's palm split open, causing fresh blood to drip down, and the grade six spirit sword in his hand flew out to fiercely drop onto the ground.

"It was a good battle." Sword Young Master put away his sword and stood there, then he nodded indifferently to Chai Jin before looking towards the few nearby middle aged men that were the personnel in the academy. "Go prepare food for me."

One of the middle aged men nodded and walked out with large strides, and he hurriedly went to prepare the food.

Whereas Sword Young Master, turned around to enter the courtyard that originally belonged to Chai Jin after nodding to Duan Ling Tian.

He'd defeated the Inner Hall student, Chai Jin, and kicked Chai Jin out of the Inner Hall!

Whereas Chai Jin was demoted to an Outer Hall student.

If he wanted to become an Inner Hall student again, then he

could only issue a challenge once again.

But at this moment, Chai Jin obviously didn't have the thought of challenging anyone for now, and he still stood dumbstruck on the spot.

The strength of Sword Young Master gave him too great of a shock!

First level Void Prying Stage, Half-step Advanced Sword Force...

This comprehension ability was sufficient to outshine all the other five great young masters.

"I truly never imagined that Sword Young Master has actually comprehended Half-step Sword Force!"

"Comprehending such a Sword Force with such a cultivation... Amongst the five great young masters, I'm afraid Sword Young Master's comprehension ability can be considered to be first-rate."

"Even if it's Crazy Young Master, Luo Zhan, who's ranked at the top of the five great young masters, he'd only comprehended Elementary Fire Force."

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The group of Outer Hall students couldn't refrain from

exclaiming in surprise.

Even if it was some of the other Inner Hall students, they now had faces full of shock.

"You've all finished eating?" Sima Yang quickly recovered from his shock, then he directly walked into the Inner Hall and challenged one of the Inner Hall students.

"Sima Yang..." The Inner Hall student recognized Sima Yang, and he knew that he wasn't Sima Yang's match, so he directly admitted defeat.

Sima Yang smiled in satisfaction, then he looked at the Dragon and Phoenix Academy worked and said, "Go prepare rich food for me!"

Subsequently, Ji Feng took a large stride forward and challenged an Inner Hall student.

Chapter 504: Amazing With A Single Brilliant Feat

Needless to say, as a genius martial artist in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom with a natural talent only inferior to the five great young masters, Ji Feng was quite strong.

The Inner Hall student that was selected by him was a ninth level Nascent Soul Stage martial artist like him, and was defeated by him in three moves.

Ji Feng smoothly entered into the Dragon and Phoenix Academy's Inner Hall to become an Inner Hall student.

Ji Feng looked at the academy worker and said indifferently, "Prepare fine wine and delicacies for me."

The latter nodded and left.

After a short amount of time, three Outer Hall students had been successful in their challenges and replaced their opponents in the Inner Hall.

It caused the surrounding crowd of Inner Hall students to feel their blood boil.

"Nice!" At the same time the crowd of Outer Hall students sighed with emotion, they had expressions of jealousy and envy.

In next to no time, the gazes of many people tacitly shot at Duan Ling Tian.

Obviously, they still hadn't forgotten the scene of Duan Ling Tian being the first to toss away the rice soul and moldy mantou...

All of them wanted to know that if the young man that was so confident towards himself possessed the strength to enter the Inner Hall.

Of course, there was also a portion of Outer Hall students that knew Duan Ling Tian's identity, and they were filled with confidence towards him.

After all, when they'd just arrived at the academy to register themselves today, they'd seen Duan Ling Tian fight outside the academy gate with their own two eyes.

Although it was only a glimpse, the finger move that Duan Ling Tian dominatingly pointed out caused to be unable to forget it even until now!

The gazes of more and more people descended onto Duan Ling Tian.

"Hmph! This person was the first to toss away the food that belonged to the Outer Hall students earlier, he obviously possesses the confidence to defeat an Inner Hall student and enter the Inner

Hall... Yet I wonder if he has the courage to issue a challenge!"

"If he doesn't dare issue a challenge, or even fails, he will become the joke of our Outer Hall!"

"The way I see it, he's bound to become a joke."

"Exactly, no matter how monstrous he is, a young man that looks to absolutely not be older than 25 years old will surely be unable to defeat an Inner Hall student! Which of the Inner Hall students aren't existences at the ninth level of the Nascent Soul Stage or above?"

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The crowd of Outer Court students that didn't know of Duan Ling Tian's ability whispered in discussion.

However, every single word they spoke entered into Duan Ling Tian's ears.

Duan Ling Tian didn't speak out to refute these people, because he knew that he could only use his actions to prove everything now, and only then would he be able to completely shut their mouths!

Duan Ling Tian's brows raised as he took a stride forward.

After a short moment, he'd entered the Inner Hall.

After entering the Inner Hall, Duan Ling Tian's gaze flashed past all the courtyards one by one...

Within these courtyards, the strongest was the Sword Young Master, Chen Shao Shuai, and the Crazy Young Master, Luo Zhan.

Sword Young Master was at the first level of the Void Prying Stage.

Crazy Young Master was at the second level of the Void Prying Stage.

The remaining people were mostly at the ninth level of the Nascent Soul Stage, and a few were at the Half-step Void Stage.

Right when the corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth slightly curved and he was prepared to casually choose a ninth level Nascent Soul Stage Inner Hall student.

"Hmph! A fledgling kid wants to enter the Inner Hall? Truly a fool's dream!" A voice that was irritating to the ear and was filled with ridicule entered into Duan Ling Tian's ears.

Duan Ling Tian frowned as he turned around to look at the person that spoke.

The person that ridiculed him now was precisely the Black Fiend Sect's genius disciple, Chai Jin, that was still in a daze earlier.

Now, Chai Jin had already taken care of the injuries on his hand.

This little injury only required the consumption of some healing medicinal pills before it would heal in a short moment.

Chai Jin who'd just recovered looked at Duan Ling Tian with a gaze filled with ridicule. "What? Your current gaze seems like you don't agree?"

"Idiot!" Duan Ling Tian glanced indifferently at Chai Jin as he slowly spat out a word.

Because of the Black Fiend Sect's Elder, Sun Rui, he didn't have a favorable impression of people from the Black Fiend Sect.

Now, he didn't go offend Chai Jin, yet Chai Jin had instead come offend him?

Did Chai Jin really think that Duan Ling Tian was a 'soft persimmon' that was easy to bully?

"Idiot?" As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, Chai Jin was stunned, and for a time he thought that he'd heard mistakenly.

"Awesome! This Outer Hall student is awesome... He actually dared call Chai Jin an idiot!"

"Exactly. Although this Chai Jin lost at the hands of the Sword Young Master, he's an existence at the first level of the Void Prying Stage, after all. In terms of strength, I'm afraid only Sword Young Master and Crazy Young Master are stronger than him amongst the 10 Inner Hall students... He even dares to offend a person like this? He's simply courting death!"

"As expected, he's young and arrogant! We didn't have such boldness when we were around his age."

"Look, Chai Jin's expression is getting more and more unsightly... This young man is probably going to suffer."

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Many Outer Hall students watched the scene before them, and they pointed as they whispered in discussion.

They seemed to have scene of this young man being completely destroyed by Chai Jin.

Whereas those Outer Hall students that had seen Duan Ling Tian fight outside the academy gate earlier instead had eyes that lit up.

If Duan Ling Tian and Chai Jin were to really battle each other, then the battle between two first level Void Prying Stage martial

artists would undoubtedly be extremely exciting.

They anticipated it extremely.

Presently, even the old man that stood outside the exquisite house, the Vice Dean of the Academy, Chi Ming, looked at Duan Ling Tian with a slightly bewildered gaze. "This young man seems to be extremely confident... I wonder where he got this confidence from."

"You... You... You actually called me an idiot?!" Chai Jin finally confirmed what he'd heard was correct when he heard the discussions of the surrounding Outer Hall students.

The violet clothed young man before him has indeed called him an idiot earlier.

He didn't hear it mistakenly!

Instantly, his chest was almost completely filled with flames of rage that was difficult to restrain and would explode out at any moment!

"Not only do members of the Black Fiend Sect have inferior strength, they even have problems with their ears?" Duan Ling Tian ridiculed.

His words showed no mercy.

Duan Ling Tian's words once again caused the group of Outer Hall students to be muddled.

Even if it was the group of Inner Hall students, all of them including Sword Young Master and Crazy Young Master had walked out of their courtyards.

Amongst the ten Inner Hall students, besides Sword Young Master, Ji Feng, and Sima Yang who had a calm expression and weren't surprised in the slightest... The others all revealed bewildered expressions and they felt that this violet clothed young man was too arrogant.

They knew clearly of Chai Jin's strength, and he was a real first level Void Prying Stage martial artist.

Even if he lost at the hands of Sword Young Master and was kicked out of the Inner Hall, so long as he casually challenged an Inner Hall student, he would be able to enter the Inner Hall once again and become an Inner Hall student once again.

"Kid, you're courting death!" Chai Jin was enraged, completely enraged!

At almost the instant he shouted out explosively, he'd moved, he didn't even pick up the grade six spirit sword that Sword Young Master hit to the ground earlier before directly flashing towards Duan Ling Tian, and he seemed to have transformed into a gust of wind.

If it was Sword Young Master or Crazy Young Master that said his strength was weak, then even if he was enraged, he could only endure and forcefully swallow it.

But now... A little kid that looked to be not over 25 years old had actually dared to ridicule his strength being weak?

How could he endure it!?

Whoosh!

Chai Jin struck out with rage, slapping out with a large and unrestrained movement, and his palm crashed down towards Duan Ling Tian.

Origin Energy roared on his palm as it descended, and it carried along the might to swallow mountains and rivers.

River Swallowing Palm!

A famous high grade Profound Rank martial skill within the Black Fiend Sect.

This palm contained the strength of 2,000 ancient mammoths!

Right when most of the people thought that Duan Ling Tian was about to suffer.

Duan Ling Tian suddenly took a step forward before unexpectedly withdrawing his right hand and casually placing it horizontally before his chest...

"What does he want to do?" Right when everyone was curious in their hearts, Duan Ling Tian made his move.

Swoosh!

His right arm abruptly swung out like a raging python swinging its tail, Origin Energy twined around his arm as it swung out with imposing might that shot into the sky like a rainbow.

Duan Ling Tian didn't use any martial skills when attacking.

But even then, the instant Duan Ling Tian attacked, the 2,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes that appeared in the sky still caused most of the people present to be dumbstruck.

"Void... First level Void Prying Stage!" Right when the hearts of these people trembled, as they felt something flash before their eyes.

Subsequently, they saw that another 500 ancient mammoth silhouettes had appeared beside the existing 2,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes above the violet clothed young man.

"What's going on? He's obviously not using a spirit weapon!" At this moment, everyone including Sword Young Master and the group of students that had seen Duan Ling Tian fight outside the academy gates trembled in their hearts for no reason.

"Half-step Advanced Lightning Force!" Where at almost the exact same instant, a surprise exclamation sounded out abruptly.

It was precisely the surprised exclamation of the Vice Dean, Chi Ming, who'd lost his composure.

As soon as Chi Ming finished speaking.

Bang!

The arm which Duan Ling Tian causally swung out and contained the Origin Energy of a first level Void Prying Stage martial artist and Half-step Advanced Lightning Force, had finally collided with the palm of Chai Jin whose face went pale and had a terrified expression.

Kacha!

"AH!!" The clear sound of bones breaking and Chai Jin's bitter and shrill cry sounded out at almost the exact same instant.

Bang!

Subsequently, another enormous band sounded out.

After Duan Ling Tian's arm that seemed as if it was assisted by the gods had smashed onto Chai Jin's arm, it didn't reduce in momentum before blasting onto Chai Jin's chest and blasting Chai Jin flying.

Bang!

Chai Jin's body flew out like an arrow that had left the bow and fiercely collided on the wall at the side of the Inner Hall.

Along with Chai Jin's body trembling, Chai Jin spat out a few mouthfuls of blood repeatedly as his body slid down from the wall, and atop the wall, hideous cracks that were like a spider web had appeared.

Silence.

Deathly silence

Presently, besides Chai Jin's muffled groans, only the cold and indifferent words of the young man who stood there like a god of war remained.

"Genius of the Black Fiend Sect? Meh!" The young man's words had no lack of intention to provoke and humiliate.

But at this moment, no one said anything.

This young man had used his formidable strength to prove that the Black Fiend Sect disciple, Chai Jin, was useless.

Duan Ling Tian quickly withdrew his gaze from Chai Lin.

Defeating Chai Jin was something within his expectations.

To him, it wasn't challenging at all.

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian noticed that at this moment, including Chai Jin, the gazes of everyone present had shot at him in unison...

Besides viciousness, Chai Jin's gaze contained terror and uneasiness.

The gazes of the other people were instead gazes of astonishment and surprise.

Chapter 505: He's Duan Ling Tian?!

Meanwhile, a Dragon and Phoenix Academy worker left the Inner Hall with large strides and went to prepare fine wine and delicacies for Duan Ling Tian.

Domineeringly defeating Chai Jin with a cultivation at the first level of the Void Prying Stage and Half-step Advanced Lightning Force, the scene from before had practically replicated the scene of Sword Young Master defeating Chai Jin.

As far as the workers of the academy were concerned, the strength of this violet clothed young man wasn't inferior to Sword Young Master.

Even to the extent that because the violet clothed young man had comprehended a Force of nature, he might even surpass Sword Young Master in terms of strength.

After all, although Sword Young Master's Sword Force was at the Half-step Advanced Stage as well, but it could only be used on attacks.

Whereas the violet clothed young man's Lightning Force was able to be used in both attacks and movement techniques, thus affecting his speed and could be said to possess both speed and offense.

If they really were to battle, Sword Young Master's chances of winning were extremely small, because Sword Young Master's

speed was bound to be inferior to this violet clothed young man.

So although the violet clothed young man hadn't officially challenged an Inner Hall student, he still obediently went to prepare fine wine and delicacies for the violet clothed youth.

Only because there was no suspense towards the violet clothed youth becoming an Inner Hall student!

"Abnormal!" The corners of Ji Feng's mouth twitched, and he felt the back of his heart go slightly cold.

When he recalled how he almost offended this maleficent existence in the restaurant earlier today, he felt a slight lingering fear in his heart.

Fortunately, he was sufficiently cautious.

"He... He was still concealing his strength when he was outside earlier!" The Sword Young Master, Chen Shao Shuai's, gaze was extremely complicated.

Although after he witnessed Duan Ling Tian's strength at the academy gates earlier, he didn't doubt in the slightest that Duan Ling Tian was able to surpass him in the future... But that was only in the future.

What he never expected was that there was utterly no need to wait until the future, as Duan Ling Tian's current strength was

already sufficient to stably defeat him.

Half-step Advanced Lightning Force!

When he recalled the strands of faint violet colored energy that leaped about on Duan Ling Tian's raging Origin Energy when Duan Ling Tian swung his arm out, Sword Young Master's heart couldn't help but experience a wave of shock.

He originally thought that even if it was throughout the entire Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, it would be difficult to find someone who had similarly been able to comprehend Half-step Advanced Force at the first level of the Void Prying Stage like him.

But when he saw Duan Ling Tian execute Half-step Advanced Lightning Force, the self-satisfaction in his heart was completely gone!

Besides him, there was still someone in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom that was able to comprehend Half-step Advanced Force at the first level of the Void Prying Stage.

Moreover, the Half-step Advanced Force that was comprehended was a Force of nature!

A Force of nature possessed an advantage against a weapon Force, as it possessed both offense and speed, and it was the best type of Force!

"If the higher-ups of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect find out of the strength that Duan Ling Tian revealed today, I'm afraid they will be unable to sleep peacefully and have no appetite to eat..." Sword Young Master thought in his heart and silently mourned for the Azure Forest Tri-Sect.

"Abnormal!" Sima Yang was unable to speak for a long time, and he finally spat out a word.

Besides Ji Feng, Sword Young Master, and Sima Yang, the Crazy Young Master, Luo Zhan, was one of the few that were the first to recover from their shock...

Luo Zhan had an extremely complicated gaze as he looked at Duan Ling Tian's proud and aloof figure.

For the first time, bitterness that was difficult to speak about had arisen within his heart.

What five great young masters? It's only a joke!

Before this young man, all the five great young masters including him were nothing worth mentioning.

Meanwhile, the remaining people had recovered from their shock as well.

Whoosh!

For a time, it was like a stone had caused a thousand ripples.

"Abnormal! Too abnormal!"

"Exactly! He's too abnormal! No wonder he was so confident and was the first to toss away the rice soup and mantou that belonged to the Outer Hall students. So it turned out that he possesses such a terrifying strength."

"First level Void Prying Stage and Half-step Advanced Lightning Force... His strength isn't inferior to Sword Young Master!"

"How old is he? No matter how well he has taken care of his appearance, he's surely not older than Sword Young Master, right?"

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Many Outer Hall students discussed animatedly.

They were exceedingly astounded that Duan Ling Tian was able to achieve such accomplishments at such a young age.

"Hmph! Hmph! Take good care of his appearance? Let me tell all of you, his true age is no difference from how he looks!"

"Exactly, he isn't even 25 this year!"

"Take good care of his appearance? To think all of you were able to think of such a thing like this!"

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Those students that had seen Duan Ling Tian fight outside the academy gates earlier and knew of Duan Ling Tian's background couldn't refrain from speaking out.

"What do all of you mean? Could it be that all of you know him?"

Instantly, the group of Outer Hall students that were ignorant asked curiously.

"Of course! Do all of you know who he is?"

"Let me tell all of you! He is the person whose name has been spread and give rise to much discussion in our Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, the Seven Star Sword Sect's genius disciple, Duan Ling Tian!"

"Duan Ling Tian, all of you ought to have heard of him, right?"

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In next to no time, the group of Outer Hall students that knew of Duan Ling Tian's background provided an explosive reveal!

Instantly, the entire Outer Hall of the Dragon and Phoenix Academy was in a complete stir.

"He... He's that Duan Ling Tian?"

"Oh my god! So it's him!"

"I was wondering why such a little freak would suddenly appear in our Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom... So it turns out he's the Seven Star Sword Sect's genius disciple, Duan Ling Tian."

"I heard long ago that the Seven Star Sword Sect's genius disciple Duan Ling Tian was a monstrous genius in the Martial Dao that's unprecedented in the history of our Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom... Now that I've met him today, he really does deserve his reputation!"

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The numerous burning gazes of the Outer Hall students had all descended onto Duan Ling Tian, and none of them were stingy with their words of praise.

"He's Duan Ling Tian?!" Beside Sword Young Master, Ji Feng, and Sima Yang, the gazes the other Inner Hall students shot at Duan Ling Tian had completely changed.

"Duan Ling Tian!" Especially Crazy Young Master, Luo Zhan. He'd heard of Duan Ling Tian long ago, and even knew that Duan Ling Tian had once defeat Saber Young Master and Zither Young Master one after the other. Duan Ling Tian had even been publicly acknowledged as the peerless genius that surpassed the five great young masters of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

"Not older than 25 years, yet possesses a cultivation at the first level of the Void Prying Stage and has comprehended Half-step Advanced Lightning Force... Duan Ling Tian has indeed surpassed the five of us." Crazy Young Master sighed in his heart.

Of course, he didn't become discouraged because of this.

His gaze became even fuller of desire. "Duan Ling Tian isn't a match for me right now... What I have to do now is continue forward and not allow him to catch up!"

Perhaps, even Duan Ling Tian himself never imagined that he would actually make Crazy Young Master, who was ranked first amongst the five great young masters, feel pressure.

Presently, Duan Ling Tian had a carefree expression when facing the gazes of admiration of the group of Outer Hall students, and he remained unmoved.

It was difficult for all of this to create a wave in his heart.

"So he's that Duan Ling Tian, neither arrogant nor humble, he's

indeed an exceptional genius." The old man that stood outside the exquisite house nodded in satisfaction, and the gaze he shot at Duan Ling Tian was filled with smiles.

Duan Ling Tian's appearance in the Dragon and Phoenix Academy was undoubtedly a hugely pleasant surprise to him.

"If his Majesty knows that Duan Ling Tian has come to the Dragon and Phoenix Academy and even possess such a shocking strength... He will probably be interested in Duan Ling Tian as well." The old man thought in his heart.

"Duan Ling Tian! He's actually Duan Ling Tian..." Chai Jin gazed at Duan Ling Tian's back and his heart shook.

He suddenly felt that it wasn't injustice that he'd lost.

After all, Duan Ling Tian had defeated Zither Young Master, who was ranked third amongst the five great young masters, more than a year ago.

It wasn't surprising that Duan Ling Tian had defeated him now.

But when he recalled the humiliation Duan Ling Tian gave him earlier, he couldn't help but reveal a sheen of ruthlessness in his eyes. "Duan Ling Tian, even if your strength is stronger than mine... The way the disciples of our Black Fiend Sect do things doesn't completely rely on our strength!"

"Don't allow me to find a chance, otherwise, I'll make you die a graveless death!" Chai Jin's face was covered in icy cold killing intent.

Although Duan Ling Tian was currently standing with his back towards Chai Jin, as a weapons specialist that had walked through seas of blood and mountains of corpses, he had a special sense towards killing intent, and he's sensed Chai Jin's killing intent at the first possible moment.

Instantly, Duan Ling Tian's gaze went cold.

"Hmph!" The corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth curled into a wisp of an evil smile as killing intent emerged in his heart. "If this Chai Jin still remains muddleheaded... Then he's dead!"

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian walked over towards the group of Inner Hall students under the gaze of everyone present.

"Duan Ling Tian is going to challenge the Inner Hall students already?" The group of Outer Hall students seemed as if they'd discovered a new continent when they saw this scene.

"I hope he'll challenge Crazy Young Master or Sword Young Master..."

"Yeah, if he battles Crazy Young Master or Sword Young Master, then it will surely be extremely brilliant!"

Many Outer Hall students had expressions of anticipation as they looked at Duan Ling Tian.

Whereas unlike the Outer Hall students, the hearts of those people whose strengths were at the bottom of the group of Inner Hall students started thumping when they saw Duan Ling Tian walk over.

If Duan Ling Tian chose them, then they would probably have to leave the Inner Hall.

Although they knew since long ago that this moment would arrive...

After all, the young geniuses from everywhere around the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom would gather here within these few days, and there was no lack of people who had strengths that surpassed them.

But when this moment really arrived, their hearts were still filled with unwillingness.

Leaving the Inner Hall would mean that they would be degraded back to an Outer Hall student once again.

Once they were degraded into an Outer Hall student, they wouldn't have a spacious courtyard to stay in and could only stay in those tattered tents; they wouldn't be able to enjoy fine wine and delicacies, and could only eat rice soup and moldy mantous.

They were unwilling to face this great drop.

At this moment, they hoped so much that Duan Ling Tian wouldn't choose them.

"You." Under the gazes of disappointment from the group of Outer Hall students, Duan Ling Tian casually choose an Inner Hall student with a cultivation at the ninth level of the Nascent Soul Stage.

Although he didn't get angry, but he still has a bitter smile on his face when he was chosen by Duan Ling Tian.

He never imagined that he would be so unfortunate.

"Do you still want to battle me?" Duan Ling Tian looked at this Inner Hall student and he forced out a faint smile on his face.

The Inner Hall student hurriedly shook his head.

"Then thank you." Duan Ling Tian smiled amiably, and it caused this Inner Hall student to feel as if he was washed in a spring breeze.

Subsequently, this Inner Hall student knew his limitations well and left the Inner Hall, then passed through the gate between the Inner Hall and Outer Hall before once again entering into the

Outer Hall.

But not a single people laughed at him.

Everyone had seen Duan Ling Tian's strength earlier, and it was something that an ordinary person was unable to reach.

It wasn't shameful to admit defeat before Duan Ling Tian.

Chapter 506: Grade Four Flames

Duan Ling Tian achieved his wish and lodged in the Inner Hall's courtyard.

In next to no time, the four workers of the academy sent over fine wine and delicacies for Duan Ling Tian, Sword Young Master, Ji Feng, and Sima Yang.

The fine wine and delicacies had only just been carried in for Duan Ling Tian.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse who had fallen asleep before Duan Ling Tian entered the Inner Hall smelt the fragrance and awoken at the first possible moment. "Big Brother Ling Tian, where did you get this meat? Didn't they only give you a bowl of water and a lousy mantou?"

The little gold mouse leaped down and directly helped Duan Ling Tian start cleaning up, and it wasn't long before she'd already cleaned up more than half.

The corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth twitched and he couldn't help but scold with a smile on his face. "You little fellow, you've only just awoken and you've seized my food... I took great pains to get all of this."

Duan Ling Tian shook his head before walking out of the courtyard, then he looked at the academy worker that stood outside. "Big Brother, can you help me prepare two portions of

delicacies?"

The worker couldn't help but be stunned. "You... So much isn't enough for you?"

"There's nothing I can do about it, I have a glutton following by my side." Duan Ling Tian looked slightly helplessly at the little gold mouse in the courtyard, and spread out his hands as he spoke.

Meanwhile, the other workers looked over as well.

"I can't decide on this." The worker was in a slightly difficult position. "According to our academy's rules, besides being able to request for a full meal when they've just arrived in the Inner Hall, we can only send food over to every Inner Hall student when it's meal time."

"There's such a rule?" Duan Ling Tian's face froze, then he raised his hand and withdrew a gold bill with a 1,000 denomination. "Big Brother, you..."

Duan Ling Tian hadn't finished speaking when the worker's face went pale. "Quickly put it away! If the Vice Dean were to see it..."

"I've already seen it." Right at this moment, an indifferent voice sounded out.

Duan Ling Tian raised his head to look towards the old man that stood outside the exquisite house. "Vice Dean Chi, I..."

"Alright!" The old man raised his hand to stop Duan Ling Tian and said with a serious expression. "It's also because I forgot to tell you... In our Dragon and Phoenix Academy, besides being prohibited from improving your living conditions, you're also prohibited from bribing the workers! Since it's your first time, I won't fuss about it this time."

Duan Ling Tian's heart couldn't help but jerk when he heard the first half of what the old man said, and Duan Ling Tian only heaved a sigh of relief when he heard the old man finish speaking. "Thank you, Vice Dean Chi."

After he finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian had a bitter smile on his face, and his heart was filled with helplessness. "Alas, Little Gold that glutton has actually eaten my food... Looks like I can only go hungry for this meal."

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian turned around, intending to return to his courtyard.

Right at this moment.

"In the future, send him an extra two portions of fine wine and delicacies for every meal." The sudden voice entered into Duan Ling Tian's ears, and it caused Duan Ling Tian to be unable to refrain from revealing a happy expression.

"Thank you Vice Dean Chi." Duan Ling Tian hurriedly turned around and thanked.

The worker was slightly surprised when he heard Chi Ming, as he never expected that the Vice Dean would take care of Duan Ling Tian so well.

But with a quick thought, he quickly came to an understanding.

This Duan Ling Tian had an extraordinary natural talent in the Martial Dao that was peerless.

One year from now, the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom would have to rely on him to show off on the stage of the Darkstone Empire...

A person like this had sufficient qualification to obtain different treatment.

"Go and prepare two portions of fine wine and delicacies for him now." The old man instructed.

"Yes, Vice Dean." The worker replied and left.

With the special allowance from the Vice Dean, Duan Ling Tian finally had a full meal.

After his meal, the corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth couldn't help but twitch when he saw the little gold mouse that lay there with a stomach that had expanded to the point it became round.

"This Little Gold is truly a complete glutton! Out of the three portions, I was full after eating one... Whereas she ate an entire two portions."

The little gold mouse lifted up her bloated body with difficulty, then blinked her jade green eyes as she said via voice transmission, "Big Brother Ling Tian, I like this place... The roast meat and grilled meat here is much tastier than the restaurants."

"Of course. The Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial Family is standing behind this Dragon and Phoenix Academy... The chefs that prepare the delicacies for the Inner Hall are very likely the Imperial Chefs from the Imperial palace." This was something that Duan Ling Tian wasn't surprised of in the slightest.

After eating his fill, Duan Ling Tian returned to his room and cultivated silently.

Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique, Lightning Wyrms Form!

The Origin Energy in Duan Ling Tian's body was ceaselessly strengthening.

What he needed to do now was to advance his cultivation as quickly as possible and make himself possess sufficient ability to look down upon the young geniuses from the various Dynasties during the Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties that was to be held four years from now.

After an unknown amount of time, Duan Ling Tian felt the increase of his Origin Energy was almost saturated, and he stopped.

Haste does not bring success.

This principle was something Duan Ling Tian knew of.

But even if he didn't cultivate, Duan Ling Tian still had many things to do.

Hiss!

With a raise of his hand, a strand of a raging and restless flame appeared on Duan Ling Tian's hand.

This was a strand of blue flames.

If a weapons craftsman was here then he would surely recognize with a glance that this was a grade four Weapon Flame.

The grade four Weapon Flame that only a grade four weapons craftsman was able to condense!

Exactly, the current Duan Ling Tian was already a grade four weapons craftsman!

Not to mention the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, even the Darkstone Empire didn't possess a grade four weapons craftsman.

Only an extremely small number of grade four weapons craftsmen were present in the Darkhan Dynasty...

As for grade three alchemists, probably only the Foreign Lands where experts were numerous like the clouds would possess them.

"Alas, there are no materials in my possession that can advance the grade of offensive spirit weapons... It's temporarily impossible for me to advance the grade five spirit sword of mine and Little Gold to the fourth grade." Duan Ling Tian shook his head and sighed, then he withdrew the cauldron he used for refining medicinal pills.

This cauldron was advanced to the ranks of a grade five spirit weapon by Duan Ling Tian previously.

"Now that my cultivation has broken through to the Void Prying Stage... The Pill Fire and Weapon Flame condensed from my Origin Energy can all be condensed into a Grade Four Flame! But if I want to refine grade four medicinal pills, I still require a cauldron that's a grade four spirit weapon." Duan Ling Tian's gaze descended onto the cauldron. "Fortunately, the materials required by an auxiliary spirit weapon like a cauldron isn't rare... There're sufficient materials amongst the materials I've collected to refine it into a grade four spirit weapon!"

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian withdrew a pile of weapons

refining materials.

After one hour, Duan Ling Tian used a profound technique combined with his grade four Weapon Flame to successfully advance the cauldron to the level of a grade four spirit weapon.

"Big Brother Ling Tian... You're able to refine grade four spirit weapons?" Duan Ling Tian's movements weren't soft, and it had alarmed the little gold mouse, causing the little gold mouse's eyes to light up.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

"Squeak!" The little gold mouse cried out happily when she heard this, her jade green eyes were filled with happiness as she raised her little claw and withdrew her pocket-size grade five spirit sword from the Spatial Collar on her neck.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, quickly advance my spirit sword's grade." The little gold mouse was extremely excited as she spoke to Duan Ling Tian via voice transmission.

After she found out about the wide gap between every grade of the spirit sword, the little gold mouse was filled with yearning towards a high grade spirit sword.

She'd always been yearning for Duan Ling Tian to be able to improve her grade five spirit sword into a grade four spirit sword in the past.

Duan Ling Tian laughed bitterly. "Little Gold, I temporarily don't have the materials that are able to improve offensive spirit weapons to become grade four spirit weapons... We can only wait for when we have the chance to head to the Imperial City's Weapon's Craftsmen Guild to try our luck."

The materials required for a grade four offensive spirit weapon was much rarer than the material required for a grade four auxiliary spirit weapon.

At the same time, it was extremely valuable as well!

In the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, it was absolutely not able to be found everywhere.

The little gold mouse instantly drooped her head when she heard this, and she was slightly disappointed.

"Alright... Come here, this is the two drops of Monkey King Wine I promised you! You ought to be able to break through to the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage after consuming them. At that time, your Spiritual Force ought to be able to break through with your cultivation and improve." Duan Ling Tian withdrew two drops of Monkey King Wine and passed it to the little gold mouse.

The little gold mouse's eyes lit up when she heard this, then swallowed the two drops of Monkey King Wine into her stomach as she said via voice transmission, "Big Brother Ling Tian, I'll surely be able to break through this time... Hehe, so long as I break

through to the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage, my Spiritual Force will surely be pushed into the Void Initiation Stage as well."

"At that time, I'll be able to awaken my soul brand and comprehend soul skills!" As she finished speaking, the little gold mouse was extremely excited.

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but smile bitterly when he saw the little gold mouse lie down and fall into deep sleep.

That day, when the little gold mouse consumed the Nether Soul Fruit, her Spiritual Force had increased by many levels.

Now, along with the advancement of her cultivation, her Spiritual Force would advance appropriately.

This was something that was different to Duan Ling Tian.

In the past, although Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force was strong, it wasn't the contribution of spirit fruits... Even to the extent that he'd never consumed spirit fruits that increased Spiritual Force.

So, along with the advancement of his cultivation, this Spiritual Force had slowly conformed to his cultivation before finally being on the same level as his cultivation.

Just like now.

Whereas the little gold mouse had consumed a spirit fruit that had truly developed the potential of her Spiritual Force.

In the future, so long as her cultivation advanced, her Spiritual Force would obtain the corresponding advancement.

Duan Ling Tian extremely anticipated what sort of soul skill the little gold mouse's awakened soul brand would bestow upon her.

Logically speaking, the soul brand inherited by a descendant of a Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse ought to not be simple.

"So long as Little Gold's Spiritual Force advances to the Void Initiation Stage... Then I don't have to be overcautious when I move about in the Imperial City in the future." Duan Ling Tian thought in his heart.

When he saw that Little Gold wouldn't wake up in a short amount of time, Duan Ling Tian left the room and arrived at the courtyard.

Tempest Point!

With a raise of his hand, Wind Force and Lightning Force appeared at the same time, and the Tempest Point tore apart the

sky before descending onto the stone pillar in the courtyard and directly piercing through it.

Duan Ling Tian silently cultivated his Tempest Point, doing his best to comprehend an even higher level of Wind Force and Lightning Force!

Whereas at this moment, all hell broke out outside the academy because of Duan Ling Tian's appearance.

Firstly, it was the Yin Clan!

Yin Zhe, the number one genius of the Yin Clan's younger generation, the inheritor of the position of Patriarch of the Yin Clan... Actually had an arm crippled by someone!

His most important arm.

It was instantly like an earthquake as the entire Yin Clan shook.

Yin Clan Estate.

Many Yin Clan higher-ups were gathered together within the Audience Hall

Presently, more and more people ceaselessly arrived outside the Audience Hall, and they were precisely the Yin Clan higher-ups that had hurried over after receiving the news.

Chapter 507: A Storm Is Brewing

In next to no time, the Yin Clan higher-ups had gathered together.

The Yin Clan's Patriarch, Yin Zheng, had an extremely gloomy expression. "I presume all of you know the cause and effect of the matter... I've called everyone together mainly because of this matter, to seek the opinion of everyone and seek justice for Zhe!"

The Zhe that Yin Zheng spoke of was precisely Yin Zhe.

His own son, and his most outstanding son.

"Patriarch, Duan Ling Tian is simply too audacious for daring to make a move against Young Master Zhe! I suggest that we head to the Dragon and Phoenix Academy and demand him right now!" A curly bearded man was filled with righteous indignation as he spoke in a sonorous voice.

"Exactly! A surviving trash of the Seven Star Sword Sect actually dares to provoke our Yin Clan? He's simply courting death!" Many people agreed with the curly bearded man's words.

"Grand Elder, what do you think?" Yin Zheng's gaze descended onto the old man below him, and he spoke slightly respectfully.

The old man had his eyes closed all along, and he only slowly opened his pair of muddy eyes when he heard Yin Zheng. "It's best

for our Yin Clan to wait and see in this matter!"

"Wait and see?" Many people shook their heads and had unwilling expressions. "Grand Elder, could it be that we should just let this matter go? Young Master Zhe was the future hope of our Yin Clan. Now that Young Master Zhe is crippled, if our Yin Clan doesn't take any actions, other would think that our Yin Clan is afraid of Duan Ling Tian!"

"Yeah, Grand Elder, the Yin Clan's dignity prevails over everything else!" For a time, the Yin Clan's Audience Hall went into an uproar.

"Dignity prevails over everything else?" The old man slowly lifted his head, and his pair of muddy eyes abruptly flashed with a strand of bright light. "Are you sure the rise and fall of the clan is inferior to that illusory dignity?"

The clan's rise and fall?

The old man's words caused most of the people present to be puzzled. "Grand Elder, what do you mean by this?"

Of course, there were also many people that understood the meaning in the old man's words.

"Grand Elder, you're afraid of Duan Ling Tian's natural talent?" Yin Zheng took a deep breath before asking.

The old man nodded and said slowly, "I've just obtained news that Duan Ling Tian is not only a first level Void Prying Stage martial artist, but has even comprehended Half-step Advanced Lightning Force! All of you ought to know what this means..."

As soon as the old man finished speaking, the expressions of all the Yin Clan higher-ups, including Yin Zheng, became gloomy.

They'd heard of Duan Ling Tian stepping into the first level of the Void Prying Stage, so they weren't surprised.

But...

"Half-step Advanced Lightning Force?" Yin Zheng felt his heartbeat suddenly quicken. "Grand Elder, is what you said true?"

"This matter is something that grandson of mine used his monthly chance to leave the academy and notify me of." The old man had a serious expression.

Instantly, the others no longer doubted it.

Even though the natural talent of the Grand Elder's grandson was inferior to the Patriarch's son, Yin Zhe, it wasn't bad, and he was one of the Yin Clan disciples that were recommended into the Dragon and Phoenix Academy this time.

"Not yet 25 years of age, but possesses a cultivation at the first level of the Void Prying Stage and Half-step Advanced Force... I

originally thought that surviving trash of the Seven Star Sword Sect only had monstrous natural talent, but I never imagined that his comprehension ability was so monstrous as well!"

The words of many Yin Clan higher-ups were filled with fear.

"Grand Elder, could it be that we can only swallow the humiliation silently?" There were also some Yin Clan higher-ups that were exceedingly unwilling.

"Could it be that all of you have any brilliant ideas?" The old man asked indifferently, causing the former to be at a loss of what to say.

The old man continued. "Duan Ling Tian is a surviving trash of the Seven Star Sword Sect, and is a person that the Azure Forest Tri-Sect wishes for nothing more than to get rid of and celebrate after... Do all of you think that the Azure Forest Tri-Sect will sit idly by once they know that Duan Ling Tian has appeared?"

The old man's words caused the gazes of the Yin Clan higher-ups to light up.

"The strength of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect far surpasses our Yin Clan! If the Azure Forest Tri-Sect is helpless against Duan Ling Tian, then do all of you think our Yin Clan can do anything to that Duan Ling Tian? Instead of taking a risk and offending a great enemy in the future, isn't it better to watch the tigers battle from the top of a mountain?"

The old man's words obtained the approval of everyone.

"Patriarch, I'm afraid there are already people who have spread the news of Duan Ling Tian's appearance to the Azure Forest Tri-Sect... But the person passing the message probably still doesn't know that Duan Ling Tian has comprehended Half-step Advanced Lightning Force." The old man looked at Yin Zheng, and a strand of cold light flashed within his muddy eyes. "Patriarch, send someone to notify the Azure Forest Tri-Sect of the matter of Duan Ling Tian having comprehended Half-step Advanced Lightning Force!"

"Grand Elder is wise!" Yin Zheng's eyes lit up when he heard this, as he'd guessed the old man's intentions.

"Grand Elder is wise!" All the Yin Clan higher-ups reacted to it and all their faces revealed evil smiles.

If the Azure Forest Tri-Sect found out that Duan Ling Tian, who was a potential threat, had not only broken through to the first level of the Void Prying Stage, but had even comprehended Half-step Advanced Lightning Force, they would probably want to get rid of Duan Ling Tian desperately...

They didn't doubt this in the slightest!

In next to no time, an enormous eagle soared into the sky from within the Yin Clan Estate, and it carried along a person as it transformed into a bolt of lightning that headed out of the Imperial City.

Based on its speed, this eagle was obviously a demon beast.

The Azure Forest Tri-Sect was a combination of the former Origin Convergence Sect, Demonic Lotusblade Sect, and Snow Moon Sect.

Whereas the Snow Moon Sect's location was the closest to the Imperial City.

The location of the former Snow Moon Sect was situated at the north of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom and it was a world of ice and snow, where snow gleamed white all year round.

Today, this world of ice and snow had an unexpected guest.

Swoosh!

A black figure flashed past the horizon, and it was exceptionally conspicuous in this world of ice and snow.

Before long, the black figure stopped and revealed its true form.

It was a flying beast with an appearance of an eagle.

The reason this demon beast had stopped was because a figure had appeared ahead and obstructed its path.

Slight terror appeared in the sharp eyes of the demon beast when facing the middle aged scholar with graceful bearing before it.

"Who's trespassing into the Branch Sect of my Azure Forest Tri-Sect?" The middle aged man wore a silk headdress and held a feathered fan, and he had a calm expression, yet slightly cold lights flickered deep within his eyes.

"Greetings, Sect Leader Xue!" Meanwhile, the middle aged man that sat on the demon beast swiftly stood up and respectfully bowed to the middle aged scholar.

"Who're you?" The middle aged scholar was precisely the former Snow Moon Sect's Leader, Xue Rui, and was also one of the three great Sect Leaders of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect as of now.

As a higher-up of the Yin Clan, the middle aged man had once seen Xue Rui, so he recognized Xue Rui.

"Sect Leader Xue, I'm a member of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial City's Yin Clan. I've come here under the orders of the Patriarch to pass information to Sect Leader Xue." The middle aged man spoke respectfully to Xue Rui.

"Yin Clan? The Yin Clan whose reserves and resources are sufficient to compare with a first-rate sect?" Xue Rui's brows raised as he asked indifferently.

"Exactly." The middle aged man nodded.

"Speak, what is it?" Xue Rui didn't take the Yin Clan seriously.

As far as he was concerned, a clan that was comparable to a first-rate sect would have two weak Void Initiation Stage martial artists in the clan, and it was difficult for them to be thought highly of.

Not to mention comparing with the current Azure Forest Tri-Sect, even if it was the former Snow Moon Sect, it still wasn't something the Yin Clan could compare to.

"Sect Leader Xue, the Patriarch asked me to tell you... The surviving trash of the Seven Star Sword Sect that your Azure Forest Tri-Sect wishes for nothing more than to get rid of and celebrate after, has already appeared in the Imperial City's Dragon and Phoenix Academy!" said the middle aged man.

Seven Star Sword Sect surviving trash?

At the beginning, Xue Rui didn't react to what these words meant, but after a short moment, his face went grim. "You're talking about Duan Ling Tian?"

Obviously, Xue Rui still didn't know of the news that Duan Ling Tian had appeared.

"Exactly!" The middle aged man nodded hurriedly.

"Duan Ling Tian... I never expected that you really dared leave the Crimson Sky Kingdom!" Xue Rui's eyes contained cold lights that were piercingly cold, and his mood surged.

The day, his personal disciple, Liu Yue, had learned of news about Duan Ling Tian, and he'd originally thought that with three Guardian Elder's making a move, that Duan Ling Tian would die for sure.

Unexpectedly, only two of their Azure Forest Tri-Sect Guardian Elders had returned.

Only at that time did he know that the tiny Crimson Sky Kingdom actually possessed a mysterious expert with extremely terrifying strength concealed within it.

That mysterious expert didn't even show himself before directly killing one of their Guardian Elders.

Even in the entire Azure Forest Tri-Sect, the strength of that Guardian Elder was a top rate existence, an expert at the sixth level of the Void Initiation Stage.

Since that time, he knew that it was impossible for them to kill Duan Ling Tian in the Crimson Sky Kingdom.

They could only wait for Duan Ling Tian to come out himself!

They were always waiting for a chance.

Whereas now, this chance seemed to have arrived already...

"Sect Leader Xue." The member of the Yin Clan continued. "Duan Ling Tian has already stepped into the first level of the Void Prying Stage, and not only that, he..." But, he hadn't finished speaking when he was interrupted.

"What?! You said he has already broken through to the Void Prying Stage?" Xue Rui's face became gloomy, and the imposing manner on his body was like a rainbow as it shot into the sky and swept out into the surroundings.

Instantly, that member of the Yin Clan and the demon beast that carried over started shivering, and it was even to the extent they were in danger of losing strength at any moment and dropping to their deaths.

"Sect... Sect Leader Xue, I... I haven't finished." The Yin Clan member struggled to speak.

Finally, Xue Rui's imposing manner was restrained by him.

Whereas the Yin Clan member and that demon beast seemed as if they'd lost all strength.

When they caught their breath, the demon beast flapped its wings and retreat over ten meters.

"Speak." Cold lights flickered in Xue Rui's eyes and his voice was exceedingly cold and indifferent.

The matter of Duan Ling Tian breaking through to the Void Prying Stage had caused him to be extremely shocked, and he felt as if he was facing a formidable enemy.

Duan Ling Tian seemed to not even be 25 years old this year, right?

"Sect Leader Xue, not only has Duan Ling Tian's cultivation broken through to the Void Prying Stage, he has even comprehended Half-step Advanced Lightning Force!" As soon as he finished speaking, the member of the Yin Clan urged the demon beast to fly off. "Sect Leader Xue, I'll be taking my leave!"

Xue Rui didn't pay any attention to the member of the Yin Clan, he stood in the sky and his body unconsciously trembled.

"First level Void Prying Stage, Half-step Advanced Lightning Force?" A strand of coldness emerged within Xue Rui's heart. "If Duan Ling Tian doesn't die... Then my Azure Forest Tri-Sect will surely die in the future! No matter what price must be paid, we must get rid of Duan Ling Tian to prevent any future troubles."

Xue Rui's figure flashed, transforming in a white colored stream that instantly left the original location of the Snow Moon Sect.

He wanted to tell this matter to the other two Sect Leaders of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect!

This matter was related to the rise and fall of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect!

Chapter 508: Flute Fairy, Zi Yan

Duan Ling Tian naturally knew nothing about what happened outside.

He was currently quietly cultivating in the Inner Hall of the Dragon and Phoenix Academy. At the same time that he was improving his cultivation, he didn't forget to cultivate martial skills and comprehend Force of an even higher level.

Comprehending Half-step Advanced Wind Force and Half-step Advanced Lightning Force at the first level of the Void Prying Stage is an accomplishment that even the Rebirth Martial Emperor didn't achieve all those years ago. Duan Ling Tian flashed through the memories of the Rebirth Martial Emperor and he couldn't help but sigh with emotion.

According to the memories of the Rebirth Martial Emperor, even when the second lifetime of the Rebirth Martial Emperor stepped into the first level of the Void Prying Stage, although he'd comprehended two types of Force as well, only one of them was at the Half-step Advanced Stage.

The other type of Force was only a force seed.

Today seems to be the last day of the Dragon and Phoenix Academy's registration. Duan Ling Tian walked out of his room and arrived at the courtyard.

Presently, the Inner Hall was extremely bustling.

There were Outer Hall students that entered the Inner Hall to challenge the Inner Hall students from time to time, as they wanted to win even better treatment in the academy.

"Ji Feng!" Suddenly, an explosive shout sounded out, and it attracted Duan Ling Tian's gaze.

Presently, there was a young man around the age of 35 standing outside a courtyard in the Inner Hall.

Duan Ling Tian had an impression of that courtyard.

It was precisely the courtyard that the Ji Clan's Ji Feng stayed in.

Ji Feng was the first person Duan Ling Tian was acquainted with on arriving at the Imperial City. Although they couldn't be considered to have a friendly relationship, Duan Ling Tian was still interested to watch when there was someone challenging Ji Feng now.

Instantly, Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force stretched out to sweep towards the young man.

Duan Ling Tian noticed his cultivation at the first possible moment.

Half-step Void Stage? Duan Ling Tian's brows raised as he

thought in his heart. Looks like Ji Feng is probably going to be kicked out of the Inner Hall.

"Hmph!" Right at this moment, a cold snort sounded out from Ji Feng's courtyard.

Subsequently, Ji Feng's figure appeared before Duan Ling Tian.

"Zi Gang!" Ji Feng walked out of his courtyard and looked at the young man outside. "A person like you is worthy of challenging me? If it's your Zi Clan's Zither Young Master, Zi Shang, I might be slightly afraid... As for you, I don't take you seriously!"

"Shameless boasting!" Zi Gang sneered as he suddenly took a stride forward.

Instantly, 1,500 lifelike ancient mammoth silhouettes were condensed into form in sky.

"Half-step Void Stage!" Instantly, many spectating Outer Hall students couldn't help but exclaim in surprise.

"Half-step Void Stage?" When he saw the cultivation revealed by Zi Gang, Ji Feng's indifferent expression slightly tightened. "I truly never expected that you'd actually broken through to the Half-step Void Stage. But do you think that you're able to defeat me because you've broken through to the Half-step Void Stage?" As he finished speaking, Ji Feng took a stride forward as well.

In the sky, the energy of heaven and earth roiled as 1,500 ancient mammoth silhouettes similarly appeared, and they were accumulating force while waiting to be deployed.

Half-step Void Stage! Duan Ling Tian was greatly surprised when he saw this scene, as he never expected that Ji Feng had actually broken through to the Half-step Void Stage during these past few days.

The expression of Zi Gang, who was originally filled with confidence, had become slightly gloomy.

"How about it? Do you still want to challenge me?" Ji Feng asked indifferently.

"Hmph!" The raging Origin Energy on Zi Gang's body seemed to have transformed into a ball of white flames that enveloped his entire body within it.

He'd used his actions to respond to Ji Feng.

"Then I'll play with you!" Ji Feng's figure moved. He seemed to have transformed into a bolt of lightning that shot towards Zi Gang.

After a short moment, the two of them were in a fierce battle.

In the beginning, neither of them utilized spirit weapons, and only relied on their Origin Energy to battle...

Before long, the two of them utilized grade six spirit weapons at the same time.

For a time, the two of them were equally matched.

"I truly never imagined that it had only been a few days and Ji Feng had already broken through to the Half-step Void Stage!"

"The two of them are equally matched, and it was probably difficult to distinguish the victor.

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Many Outer Hall students whispered in discussion.

Some of the Inner Hall students that were spectating had almost similar thoughts.

Only Duan Ling Tian's gaze never left Ji Feng from the beginning until the end, and unknowingly, the corners of his mouth curled into a slight smile. "Ji Feng has really concealed his strength deeply..."

At almost the same instant that Duan Ling Tian's thought had emerged, the grade six spirit sword in Ji Feng's hand emitted strands of a sharp and peerless aura.

Instantly, another 100 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared beside the ancient mammoth silhouettes that had appeared from the amplification of his spirit sword...

But these ancient mammoth silhouettes that had appeared weren't stable, and they fluctuated from 70 to 100 from time to time.

However, even then, he still relied on this extra strength of almost 100 ancient mammoths to defeat Zi Gang in one go.

"Pu!" Zi Gang was knocked flying. He spat out a mouthful of blood, and his body was shaking when he descended to the ground, seeming to be in a slightly sorry state.

"You... You actually comprehended a Sword Force Seed!" Zi Gang's voice seemed to contain slight fear mixed within.

Sword Force Seed!

The surroundings went into an uproar, and the gazes of everyone shot onto Ji Feng. Obviously, they never expected that Ji Feng still had this ability.

Ji Feng's comprehension ability isn't bad. Duan Ling Tian thought in his heart.

Compared to the Saber Force Seed that the Saber Young Master, Long Yun, executed that day, the Sword Force Seed Ji Feng

comprehended had undoubtedly surpassed it slightly.

Of course, this didn't say that Ji Feng was stronger than Saber Young Master.

After all, two years had already passed since he fought Saber Young Master the last time.

The strength of Saber Young Master now would have surely advanced by leaps and bounds!

Even to the extent that he'd have already broken through to the Void Prying Stage.

Saber Young Master... Demonic Lotusblade Sect... When he thought of the Saber Young Master, Long Yun, Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but recall the former Demonic Lotusblade Sect.

The Demonic Lotusblade Sect was one of the chief culprits that had annihilated the Seven Star Sword Sect, and the Saber Young Master was the foster son of the Demonic Lotusblade Sect's Leader.

"Besides Zi Shang, there isn't a second person in your Zi Clan's younger generation that can make me take them seriously!" Ji Feng looked at Zi Gang as he mocked.

Zi Gang's face became gloomy as his body lightly trembled, and he felt extreme humiliation.

Right at this moment, a chilly voice suddenly sounded out.

"Then let me, this person that you don't take seriously, properly experience your ability." Along with this chilly voice sounding out, a violet colored beautiful figure that was accompanied by a wave of fragrance appeared in the Inner Hall to stand before Zi Gang.

Swoosh!

Under the sleeve that was lined with gold borders, a white wrist slowly extended out and flicked out a medicinal pill, and it shot directly at Zi Gang.

After Zi Gang caught the medicinal pill and swallowed it, he bowed respectfully to the person that had arrived. "Young Miss Zi Yan."

Meanwhile, the beautiful figure turned around, her gracefully slender and delicate body that was like a devil's, and her face that was beautiful like an angel had appeared before the eyes of everyone.

Even Duan Ling Tian's eyes couldn't help but light up.

In terms of appearance, this young woman wasn't inferior to his two fiancés.

The young woman wore violet clothes. As she stood there, she first emitted a lofty aura, then she emitted a type of enchanting aura...

Lofty and enchanting, a conflicting combination, and it caused the young woman to seem even more difficult to fathom.

"Young Miss Zi Yan? She's the younger sister of Zither Young Master, Flute Fairy, Zi Yan?" Instantly, some people couldn't refrain from exclaiming in surprise.

"I heard long ago that the Flute Fairy, Zi Yan, is the number one beauty of our Imperial City... Now that I've seen her here today, she really does deserve her reputation!"

"The speed she entered the Inner Hall earlier was so swift! I've only heard that the Flute Fairy, Zi Yan, had extremely high accomplishments in music, and even frequently does a flute and zither ensemble with her brother, and it could be said to be the sound of nature."

"Looks like the natural talent in the Martial Dao of this Young Miss Zi Yan isn't low."

"The Zi Clan only possesses two recommendation quotas. Since Young Miss Zi Yan is able to occupy one of them, I presume her cultivation is extraordinary as well... I actually didn't know in the past that Young Miss Zi Yan had such a high natural talent in the Martial Dao."

"Young Miss Zi Yan has an elder brother like Zither Young Master, so even if her natural talent in the Martial Dao isn't bad, it would surely be covered by Zither Young Master's brilliance, and cause us to have no knowledge of it. After all, our gazes were mostly on Zither Young Master."

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The crowd of Outer Hall students discussed animatedly.

"Young Miss Zi Yan." Ji Feng still have a calm expression when facing Zi Yan. "Injuries are bound to happen in a battle, I hope that Young Miss Zi Yan doesn't act rashly. Otherwise, if I accidentally injure Young Miss Zi Yan, then it would be difficult for me to give Zither Young Master an explanation."

Who in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial City didn't know that Zither Young Master was extremely fond of this younger sister of his?

If he were to injure Zi Yan, then Zither Young Master would surely not let the matter go!

"Since you look down upon my Zi Clan members so much, then I'll prove to you that what you said...is wrong." Zi Yan's white wrist stretched out of her sleeve once again, and a jade flute that was translucent and crystalline to appear in her hand.

"Grade five spirit weapon!" At this moment, Duan Ling Tian just

happened to have been inspecting Zi Yan's cultivation with his Spiritual Force, and his Spiritual Force flashed past the jade flute in Zi Yan's hands on the way, yet he noticed that it was a grade five spirit weapon.

Looks like Ji Feng is going to suffer. Duan Ling Tian thought in his heart.

He noticed earlier that this Flute Fairy, Zi Yan, was similar to Ji Feng, she was an existence at the Half-step Void Stage as well.

"Since Young Miss Zi Yan insists, then Ji Feng can only be rude." Ji Feng took a deep breath as the grade six spirit sword in his hand jerked, then his eyes gradually became cold. "Young Miss Zi Yan, make your move!"

Under the gazes of everyone present, Flute Fairy slowly raised her hand to place the grade five spirit flute on her bright red lips, then her hands lightly pulsed on the spirit flute as she breathed gracefully into the spirit flute.

Whereas the spirit flute started to emit strand of Origin Energy that became more and more deep.

Instantly, the sound of the flute rose and it was filled with the intent of slaughter.

This was a song of slaughter.

Instantly, 1,500 ancient mammoth silhouettes gradually condensed into form in the sky.

"Half-step Void Stage!"

"This Flute Fairy, Zi Yan, is actually at the Half-step Void Stage as well!"

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Instantly, the group of Outer Hall students were greatly shocked.

In next to no time, when everyone saw the 720 ancient mammoth silhouettes that appeared beside the existing 1,500 ancient mammoth silhouettes, their faces were filled with shock.

"Grade five... Grade five spirit weapon!"

"Oh my god! The Flute Fairy, Zi Yan, has a grade five spirit weapon like her brother, Zither Young Master."

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At this moment, besides Duan Ling Tian, who had a calm expression, everyone else was completely shocked.

Chapter 509: Ironwall Sword Body

At this moment, besides the 1,500 ancient mammoth silhouettes that a Half-step Void Stage martial artist possessed, there was another 720 ancient mammoth silhouettes in the sky. It formed an extremely great contrast to the extra 570 ancient mammoth silhouettes that were above Ji Feng.

This was the difference between a grade five spirit weapon and grade six spirit weapon!

An ordinary grade five spirit weapon was able to amplify strength by 48%.

Whereas an ordinary grade six spirit weapon was only able to amplify strength by 38%.

The difference was an entire 10%!

To a Half-step Void Stage martial artist, 10% was equivalent to the strength of 150 ancient mammoths!

"So what if it's a grade five spirit sword, I've comprehended a Sword Force Seed and I'm not much inferior to you!" Ji Feng's face became slightly grim. He instantly concentrated and his body moved to fly out, choosing to strike first and gain the advantage.

After all, even if his Sword Force Seed's fluctuation in strength hit the limit, it would still be inferior to the Flute Fairy by the

strength of over 10 ancient mammoths...

If he wanted to win, then he had to take her by surprise!

But would Ji Feng be able to succeed?

Suddenly, the spirit flute that lay horizontal before Flute Fairy's scarlet lips emitted a melody that became more and more hurried, and the Origin Energy within it even became completely material.

Swish!

As Ji Feng's figure moved, a sword flashed out, seeming like a meteor that flashed in the night sky, and it went straight for the spirit flute in Flute Fairy's hands.

As far as he was concerned, so long as he struck down the grade five spirit flute, it would be sufficient for him to firmly grasp victory!

In this way, he would also not injure the Flute Fairy.

Right at this moment, the melody that Flute Fairy played and originally contained the tune of slaughter abruptly changed to become exceedingly exalted.

Whereas at this instant.

Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish!

...

The Flute Fairy blew gracefully as Origin Energy condensed on the spirit flute on her hand before pulsating according to the tune, and numerous light blades that were condensed from Origin Energy whistled as they flew out to greet Ji Feng.

The following scene caused everyone to be dumbstruck.

The Flute Fairy is actually condensing Origin Energy into blades and executing attacks via the spirit flute? Duan Ling Tian's heart couldn't help but shake when he saw the scene before him.

Before his eyes, the Flute Fairy stood there with her violet clothes that fluttered without the wind, and the tips of her fingers on her delicate pair of hands ceaselessly pressed onto the spirit flute.

Numerous light blades condensed from Origin Energy whistled as they flew out to flash directly towards Ji Feng.

These light blades seemed like a rain that wouldn't stop forever, and they ceaselessly descended onto Ji Feng.

Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish!

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The grade six spirit sword in Ji Feng's hand had swung out for an unknown amount of swings, and every time it swung out, it would destroy a light blade.

But the light blades were truly too numerous.

Later on, his movements seemed to be in slightly difficult state.

Whereas Flute Fairy on the other hand stood there with a composed expression, and she gracefully blew in the spirit flute. Along with a deafening tune of slaughter sounding out, the numerous light blades that flashed out became even more fierce, swift, and peerless.

"AH!" Suddenly, Ji Feng shouted out explosively, the Origin Energy on his body skyrocketed, then the grade six spirit sword in his hand returned to revolve around his body, and his Origin Energy transformed into numerous sword lights that twined around his body.

Subsequently, Ji Feng's body flashed out, and he actually relied on the protective barrier formed by these sword lights to charge towards Flute Fairy.

Those light blades descended in patches onto the protective barrier around Ji Feng's body, and then transformed into nothingness.

"It's the Li Clan's Earth Rank defense martial skill, Ironwall Sword Body!" Instantly, many people had recognized the martial skill Ji Feng executed.

Earth Rank defensive martial skill? Duan Ling Tian was shocked.

According to his knowledge, an Earth Rank defensive martial skill mostly relied on Earth Force and Earth Concept to be utilized.

Just like the high grade Earth Rank defensive martial skill that came along with the Sixth Form of the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique, it was a defensive martial skill that was powered by Earth Concept.

Earth Rank defensive martial skills and Profound Rank defensive martial skills were two completely different notions.

After one was at the Origin Core Stage, the effects of a Profound Rank defensive martial skill were negligible.

Whereas because Force and Concept had been fused into an Earth Rank defensive martial skill, then if one is able to cultivate it to a certain extent, although it couldn't completely block an opponent's attacks, it was able to temporarily stop the opponent's attack and buy time for one's self.

This was the charm of an Earth Rank defensive martial skill!

Now, although it was difficult for the Earth Rank defensive

martial skill Ji Feng executed, the Ironwall Sword Body, to continuously take Flute Fairy's light blade attacks head on, relying on his Ironwall Sword Body, he was still able to buy a large amount of time for himself.

At least, before the Ironwall Sword Body was destroyed, he'd have already approached near the Flute Fairy.

Bang!

Finally, the sword light defense around Ji Feng's body that was condensed by relying on the Ironwall Sword Body had been completely shattered by Flute Fairy's light blades that covered the sky.

Meanwhile, Ji Feng had already arrived near the Flute Fairy.

Swish!

Ji Feng made his move, his sword flashed out, and after it crushed a few light blades, it seemed to have transformed into a bolt of lightning that stabbed towards Flute Fairy.

Ji Feng has obviously seen through the Flute Fairy's weakness... the Flute Fairy attacked by using a tune of slaughter to condense light blades, and she's more adept in far-ranged battles! Now that he has approached her, it's difficult for her to withstand his sword with an advantage of the strength of only over 10 ancient mammoths. Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up when he saw this scene.

He originally thought Ji Feng would lose, but he never expected that Ji Feng would give him such a large, pleasant surprise.

Ji Feng's live combat experience had exceeded his expectations.

Right when most people broke out in cold sweat for Flute Fairy.

The movements of Flute Fairy's fine fingers on the spirit flute became faster and faster.

Whereas that tune of slaughter became more and more rapid!

"That is..." In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian's acute Spiritual Force had noticed the changes on the Origin Energy that twined the spirit flute in Flute Fairy's hands at the first possible moment.

There seemed to have been something added between that Origin Energy.

Duan Ling Tian hadn't returned to his senses when Flute Fairy blew gracefully, and numerous light blades were condensed through the spirit flute once again.

Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish!

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Numerous light blades lines up into an orderly line to intercept Ji Feng's sword that stabbed towards her.

"Break!" Ji Feng's eyes were crimson red as he shouted out explosively, and he intended to smash all these light blades and defeat Flute Fairy.

But in next to no time, his face went pale.

Because the light blades that were lined into a row were completely different than the light blades from before, and it seemed to have extra strands of light azure colored energy that was extremely gorgeous.

Whereas now, another 120 ancient mammoth silhouettes had appeared in the sky above the existing 2,220 ancient mammoth silhouettes.

Of course, these 120 ancient mammoth silhouettes weren't stable, and they fluctuated to 70 and 80 from time to time.

Clang!

The first light blade collided onto the grade six spirit sword in Ji Feng's hand, causing Ji Feng's body to shake lightly.

Clang!

The second light blade continued to blast over, and Ji Feng's face instantly became ghastly pale.

Clang!

The third light blade caused Ji Feng's face to flush red.

Clang!

The fourth light blade caused Ji Feng to spit out a mouthful of blood.

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Until the sixth light blade, Ji Feng's palm split open and blood dribbled down, and the grade six spirit sword in his hand was struck flying before dropping to the ground with a clang.

Whereas when the remaining three light blades looked to be about to pierce into Ji Feng's chest and kill Ji Feng.

Whoosh!

A violet colored figure seemed like a violet colored ghost that followed up to the blades like a shadow and destroyed the three light blades with a raise of the hand.

Bang!

The translucent and crystalline jade flute descended onto Ji Feng's chest and blasted him flying.

Bang!

Ji Feng fell onto the ground in a sorry state, and he had an aggrieved expression.

Whereas the violet colored ghost's figure finally stopped and revealed Flute Fairy, Zi Yan's, true appearance.

What a formidable woman! Duan Ling Tian gasped.

This Flute Fairy was the younger sister of Zither Young Master?

Based on her age, she was much younger than Zither Young Master from one year ago.

In other words, her natural talent obviously surpassed Zither Young Master...

Especially comprehension ability.

Flute Fairy had already comprehended her Wind Force Seed to

the extreme.

Earlier, when faced with Ji Feng's attack that could be considered to be flawless, she utilized her Wind Force Seed in a timely manner and crushed Ji Feng in one go, and she was extremely decisive.

"Wind Force Seed!" No matter if it was the Outer Hall students or the Inner Hall students, they were all shocked by Flute Fairy's ability.

"Your strength isn't bad, being able to force me to use my Wind Force Seed at the Half-step Void Stage... If I didn't have a grade five spirit flute, I might not be a match for you." Flute Fairy glanced indifferently at Ji Feng.

Ji Feng took a deep breath. "There's no 'ifs'! If I have a grade five spirit weapon, I would use it as well... A loss, is a loss! But, I never imagined that as the younger sister of Zither Young Master, Flute Fairy actually possessed such a formidable natural talent and comprehension ability."

"If it's up to me, Flute Fairy isn't inferior to Zither Young Master in the slightest!" Ji Feng's words were spoken with extreme sincerity.

But Flute Fairy didn't appreciate it.

"Hmph! My brother is much stronger than me... If you dare talk bad about my brother again, I'll absolutely not let you off!"

Instantly, Flute Fairy's face seemed to be covered in a layer of frost, and it was extremely icy cold.

Her words contained extreme protection towards Zither Young Master.

For a time, the Outer Hall students that originally wanted to say similar things had obediently shut their mouths.

That Zither Young Master actually has a younger sister like this? I really don't know how many years he cultivated to receive this fortune. Duan Ling Tian slightly sighed with emotion in his heart when he saw the Flute Fairy, who'd instantly transformed into a female lion.

"You're Duan Ling Tian?" Right at the instant that Duan Ling Tian was absent-minded, a chilly voice sounded out by his ear.

Duan Ling Tian raised his head and only now did he notice that Flute Fairy had looked towards him suddenly, her pair of beautiful eyes contained coldness mixed within and were filled with hostility.

"Right, I'm Duan Ling Tian." Duan Ling Tian nodded, and he wasn't surprised by Flute Fairy's hostility.

After all, one year ago, he'd caused Zither Young Master to lose all face at the Seven Star Sword Sect's Dubhe Peak...

Perhaps along with the annihilation of the Seven Star Sword Sect, this incident didn't spread out.

But as the younger sister of Zither Young Master, Flute Fairy ought to know of it.

The facts proved that Duan Ling Tian's guess was correct.

"I heard from my brother that you know demonic techniques?" Flute Fairy's gaze was cold as she stared fixedly at Duan Ling Tian. "I want to experience your demonic technique..."

Demonic technique?

As soon as Flute Fairy finished speaking, everyone present looked at Duan Ling Tian.

"Duan Ling Tian knows demonic techniques?" Many people were dumbstruck.

"I'm sorry, I don't know any demonic techniques." Duan Ling Tian was speechless when he heard Flute Fairy, then he shook his head before turning around and leaving.

Chapter 510: Demonic Technique Displaying Its Might

"Stop!" Duan Ling Tian had only just turned around when he heard a light shout coming from behind.

At the same time, a blast of strong wind assaulted him.

Duan Ling Tian frowned as he slightly exerted force with his feet.

Whirlwind!

His entire body seemed to have transformed into a gust of wind that instantly dodged Flute Fairy's sneak attack.

Flute Fairy wasn't surprised that Duan Ling Tian was able to dodge her attack, and her pair of chilly eyes stared fixedly at Duan Ling Tian. "Didn't you use a demonic technique to defeat my brother that day? What? Dare to do the deed, but not admit it?"

Flute Fairy's words caused a stir in the surroundings.

Duan Ling Tian defeated Zither Young Master using a demonic technique?

Although they didn't know what a demonic technique was, they faintly realized that Duan Ling Tian might not have won honorably, otherwise, Flute Fairy ought to not babble about it

endlessly.

"Are you sure there's nothing wrong with you?" Duan Ling Tian's face sank when being sneak attacked by Flute Fairy, and now that he heard Flute Fairy's aggressive words, his brows couldn't help but frown.

Duan Ling Tian's words caused the people present to be speechless.

They never expected that Duan Ling Tian was actually able to say such a thing to a beauty...

Although this beauty had indeed gone too far earlier, as a man, he should at least have some tolerance when facing a woman, right?

Of course, all this was only their personal way of thinking.

Duan Ling Tian wouldn't be considerate when facing Flute Fairy just because she was beautiful.

Moreover, not to mention, he already possessed two fiancées whose appearance and qualities weren't inferior to Flute Fairy. Even if he didn't, he still wouldn't act humble when dealing with a woman that had no manners.

As far as he was concerned, Flute Fairy's appearance was unable to affect him.

"You... You!!" Flute Fairy was angered to the point her beautiful face flushed red, and with a raise of her hand, she actually placed the grade five spirit flute on her bright red lips.

Suddenly, the tune of slaughter rose once more!

At the same time that Origin Energy twined on the spirit flute, strands of Wind Force Seed suffused out.

When facing Duan Ling Tian, Flute Fairy used her full strength right off the bat.

Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish!

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Numerous light blades condensed from Origin Energy whistled out, lining up into a line as they flashed straight towards Duan Ling Tian, seeming to want to pierce through Duan Ling Tian's body, and her Wind Force Seed followed like a shadow amongst the light blades.

"Hmph!" Duan Ling Tian's face sank when he heard the wave of a lofty tune of slaughter, and when faced with Flute Fairy's attack, at the same time that he snorted coldly, he raised his hand.

Tempest Point!

Duan Ling Tian's Origin Energy raged as he pointed out, and he only used the Half-step Advanced Lightning Force to condense an incomplete Tempest Point to intercept Flute Fairy's light blade attack.

In terms of speed, Duan Ling Tian's Tempest Point far surpassed Flute Fairy's light blades that were condensed from Origin Energy combined with the tune of slaughter.

In terms of strength, Duan Ling Tian's Tempest Point carried the strength of 2,500 ancient mammoths, and it completely crushed Flute Fairy's strength of 2,300 ancient mammoths.

Swish!

The Tempest Point tore through the sky, piercing the sky to the point the airflow in the sky flew apart, and it point towards the Origin Energy light blades that had formed a line.

Poof! Poof! Poof!

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A wave of shattering sounded out, it was Duan Ling Tian's Tempest Point piercing through those numerous Origin Energy light blades like sweeping through dry leaves, and it crushed Flute Fairy's attack.

Subsequently, the Tempest Point's momentum didn't reduce in the slightest as it shaved past Flute Fairy's beautiful face as it flashed by before entering the wall at the side with a bang, and then passing through it.

"Pu!" Whereas Flute Fairy's countenance went ghastly pale at this moment, then her beautiful face flushed red before she spat out a mouthful of blood.

After she spat out the blood, Flute Fairy's delicate figure trembled slightly, she had an extremely ghastly pale countenance and was on the verge of collapse, and she seemed delicate and touching.

"Duan Ling Tian is too ruthless!"

"He's even able to lay his hand on such a beauty!"

"If it was me, I'd surely not retort nor counterattack when faced with Flute Fairy's curses and attacks."

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The wave of sighing sounding out by his ears caused Duan Ling Tian to be unable to refrain from smiling bitterly.

Have these Outer Hall students not seen a woman in their entire lives?

"Duan Ling Tian, you actually dare be disrespectful to Young Miss Zi Yan? I'll kill you!" An explosive shout sounded out, and it was Zi Gang who was defeated by Ji Feng earlier that charged towards Duan Ling Tian before smashing out with his fist that descended towards Duan Ling Tian's head.

"You're courting death!" Duan Ling Tian's face sank, then his body jerked before leaving behind an afterimage on the spot.

Bang!

An enormous bang sounded out, and everyone at the scene only felt something flash before their eyes.

It was Duan Ling Tian who'd kicked Zi Gang flying with a raise of his leg, causing Zi Gang to knock onto the far away wall and directly faint.

This scene caused the hearts of everyone at the scene to be unable to help but go cold.

Some of the Outer Hall students that were still feeling injustice was done to Flute Fairy had directly shut their mouths, and they didn't dare speak another word.

Who knew if Duan Ling Tian would suddenly attack them?

They were afraid when they saw what happened to Zi Gang.

Duan Ling Tian was able to notice that although Flute Fairy was injured by his Tempest Point to the point her face went ghastly pale, her chilly eyes were instead exceedingly firm, and she still stared fixedly at him.

"Why don't you use your demonic technique?" Flute Fairy's voice was filled with a feeling of being not resigned.

She wanted to prove to everyone that the reason her brother, Zither Young Master, had lost at Duan Ling Tian's hand one year ago was because Duan Ling Tian used a demonic technique, and not like the news that the members of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect spread out, that Duan Ling Tian had used his own strength to defeat her brother.

She wanted to redress it for her brother!

Duan Ling Tian never expected that Flute Fairy was so stubborn, and for a time, he viewed her in a different light.

"Demonic technique?" Duan Ling Tian glanced at Flute Fairy with a spurious smile on his face. "You really want to experience my demonic technique?"

Although he didn't think that a soul skill was a demonic technique, since others said this, he couldn't be bothered to refute it.

"Exactly." Flute Fairy nodded, and her chilly eyes were exceedingly firm.

"Then look carefully." As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, a dim light that was difficult to notice slowly appeared deep within his eyes.

Subsequently, his Spiritual Force fused into the soul brand.

Thousand Illusion!

Instantly, Duan Ling Tian executed the soul skill he possessed, and created an illusion space at Flute Fairy's locations.

Whereas currently, Flute Fairy was enveloped by the illusion space, the scene before her eyes flashed, and she'd noticed that the place she was at had changed completely.

The sudden changes caused Flute Fairy's beautiful face to change slightly, and her body shivered.

Duan Ling Tian really knows demonic techniques?

How did he send me here?

Flute Fairy sized up the surroundings, she noticed that it was a desert and not a trace of human habitation could be seen in all

directions.

"What is this place?" Flute Fairy's countenance was ghastly pale as she couldn't refrain from exclaiming in fear.

Whereas at this moment, all the people in the Inner Hall were stunned when they saw Flute Fairy losing her composure.

"What's this Flute Fairy doing? Isn't this the Dragon and Phoenix Academy's Inner Hall?"

"Is she possessed? She was still fine before, but at this moment, she seems as if she has suddenly become a different person.

...

No matter if it was the crowd of Outer Hall students or Inner Hall students, they were all dumbstruck at this moment.

The scene before them had completely exceeded their imagination.

"What's going on?" Presently, even Crazy Young Master, Sword Young Master, Ji Feng, and Sima Yang were stunned.

"Flute Fairy said Duan Ling Tian is able to use some demonic technique earlier... Could it be that this is Duan Ling Tian's demonic technique?" Ji Feng's gaze quickly became clear, and an

unbelievable thought arose in his heart.

This thought wasn't something even he himself didn't dare believe.

The Flute Fairy wouldn't be working together with Duan Ling Tian to put on a show, right? Ji Feng said to himself.

He didn't dare believe it, nor was he willing to believe that such a strange thing existed in the world.

What demonic technique?

As far as he was concerned, all of this was a bunch of nonsense!

In next to no time, the crowd of people that had just recovered from their shock were dumbstruck once more.

Heavens!

What had they seen?

Under the gazes of everyone present, Flute Fairy moved like the wind as she ludicrously dashed towards Duan Ling Tian. "Don't leave Brother! Brother, don't' leave... Don't leave Zi Yan by herself, Zi Yan is afraid, Zi Yan is afraid!"

Everyone saw the when Flute Fairy dashed to arrive nearby Duan Ling Tian, she suddenly stopped as grief and despair appeared on her face, and she muttered. "Brother, how can you be so cruel? Leaving Zi Yan all alone here... Brother..."

Unknowingly, two streams of clear tears had flowed down Flute Fairy's face.

This scene caused everyone present to be flabbergasted.

"This... They're putting on a play?" This thought suddenly emerged within the hearts of everyone.

They didn't know that everything Flute Fairy faced now was completely different from what they saw.

Within that illusion space, Flute Fairy was within a boundless desert that she couldn't find the way out from, and she was at an extreme loss.

She's searched for a very long time within there, yet she didn't find the way to leave.

Gradually, she despaired.

Whereas it was at this moment, that she saw Zither Young Master, the brother that doted on her the most.

But Zither Young Master was extremely cold and indifferent towards her, and even headed towards the distance.

She wanted to chase after him, yet after chasing for a while, Zither Young Master had completely vanished before her eyes.

In the end, she could only be laden with grief by herself.

"Are you satisfied now?" When Flute Fairy felt extremely despaired, an indifferent voice sounded out by her ears, and it caused her to awaken as if awakening from a dream.

When she returned to her senses, she noticed that the surrounding environment had changed once more, and she'd returned to the Inner Hall of Dragon and Phoenix Academy.

Whereas before her, a violet clothed young man stood there as he looked at her with an expressionless face.

"You... I..." Flute Fairy recalled the scene from before and her face went gloomy.

Earlier, at the desert without any signs of habitation.

At the beginning, she was still curious how Duan Ling Tian had sent her here, but along with the passage of time at that place, she completely forgot everything about the Dragon and Phoenix Academy's Inner Hall, and she even forgot Duan Ling Tian was executing his demonic technique on her!

Meanwhile, Flute Fairy noticed that the people present looked at her with extremely strange gazes.

Exactly what happened earlier?

Flute Fairy's gaze descended onto Ji Feng, and she asked via voice transmission. "Ji Feng, what did you see earlier?"

Ji Feng cursed in his heart when he heard Flute Fairy's voice transmission. If you're acting, then act, why did you make it so real? Could it be that you don't know what you did yourself?

Of course, Ji Feng only thought like this in his heart.

Subsequently, he sent a voice transmission, and he explained everything that happened earlier with a lack of interest.

Chapter 511: Soul Skill, Soul Shaker

Ji Feng's voice transmission entered into Flute Fairy's ears, and it caused her to be dumbstruck.

Under the gazes of everyone present, she'd cried and made noises as if she'd gone mad?

All her behavior in the strange desert earlier was seen by everyone present?

Instantly, Flute Fairy's face became deathly pale, and boundless shame arose in her heart.

She wished for nothing more than to dig a hole and hide within it!

Ji Feng had an expression of disdain when he saw Flute Fairy's expression, and he cursed in his heart. "F**k off! Go on, pretend! Do you really think I'm unable to discern that you were putting on an act earlier?"

Presently, there were many people with similar thoughts as Ji Feng.

Because, everything that happened earlier had completely exceeded their scope of understanding.

"You... You're really capable of demonic techniques!" Flute Fairy stretched out her hand to point at Duan Ling Tian in embarrassment, her slender and smooth finger lightly trembled as she was extremely agitated.

Duan Ling Tian glanced at Flute Fairy with waning interest, then shrugged. "If you think it's a demonic technique, then it's a demonic technique... Now, you wanted to experience my demonic technique and I've allowed you to, don't disturb me anymore."

After he finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian returned to his own courtyard, then walked into the house in the courtyard and directly closed the door.

Leaving behind Flute Fairy whose beautiful face was angered to the point it flushed red and her eyes were filled with traces of shame.

This Duan Ling Tian actually caused her to make a fool of herself in public.

However, when she thought of how she made Duan Ling Tian utilize his demonic technique, she couldn't help but heave a sigh of relief.

Her hard work was repaid.

At least, she proved the fact that Duan Ling Tian knew demonic techniques.

"Hmph! If it wasn't for relying on being able to use demonic techniques, how could this Duan Ling Tian be a match for my brother that day?!" Flute Fairy's voice raised slightly, and she wanted to use the people present to spread out this truth, and redress the outcome of fight for her brother.

But she quickly noticed that most of the people present looked at her as if they were looking at an idiot, and they obviously didn't believe what she said.

"All of you... I..." Flute Fairy was anxious.

She's wracked her brains to make Duan Ling Tian use his demonic technique, and she'd even acted ludicrously in public, yet what she got in return was actually such an outcome?

She wasn't resigned!

"I'm speaking the truth. Duan Ling Tian really knows how to use demonic techniques... Earlier, I don't know how, but I'd arrived at a desert that didn't have the slightest trace of habitation..." When Flute Fairy spoke up to here, she didn't continue.

Because she noticed that the gazes of everyone present had become even stranger.

"Young Miss Zi Yan, so long as it's a normal person, they would be able to discern that you and Duan Ling Tian had joined together

to put on a show earlier... Although I don't know what the two of you seek by doing this, I still want to tell you that unless someone has something wrong in their head, otherwise, no one will believe you." Ji Feng looked at Flute Fairy and sent a voice transmission in 'good will.'

Flute Fairy's delicate figure trembled slightly, and her beautiful face flushed red.

Everything she said was true, yet why did no one believe it?

She wasn't resigned to this fate.

"Duan Ling Tian, come out!" In next to no time, Flute Fairy strode forward to arrive before the courtyard that Duan Ling Tian stayed at, and she shouted out with a chilly voice.

Duan Ling Tian had only just sat cross-legged since entering the room and intended to cultivate when he heard Flute Fairy's cold shout.

He instantly frowned, then opened the door and walked out.

"Woman, are you done yet?" Duan Ling Tian's face seemed to be covered in a layer of ice as he spoke impatiently.

You asked me to let you experience the 'demonic technique' and I've done so.

Now you still try to climb all over me?

"Duan Ling Tian, tell them that I didn't deceive them... You indeed know how to utilize demonic techniques and can send me to a strange place," said Flute Fairy to Duan Ling Tian in an extremely hurried tone.

"So long as I say it, you won't disturb me any longer?" Duan Ling Tian asked cautiously.

He didn't want to be bothered by this woman, otherwise, he would basically be unable to cultivate.

"Yes." Flute Fairy didn't hesitate in the slightest and nodded hurriedly.

As far as she was concerned, so long as Duan Ling Tian was willing to admit it, it ought to be sufficient to make the people present to be convinced and stop saying she was speaking false words.

"I hope you can keep your promise." Duan Ling Tian glanced deeply at Flute Fairy, and his icy cold and fierce gaze caused her to be unable to stop herself from shivering.

"Everyone, Flute Fairy didn't deceive all of you, I indeed know how to utilize demonic techniques... Right, if anyone is interested, I can allow you to try the feeling of being an Emperor, and even

being a Martial Emperor isn't a problem." Duan Ling Tian glanced at the Outer Hall and Inner Hall students present as he spoke in all seriousness.

But his serious words instead caused the crowd of Dragon and Phoenix Academy students to break out with laughter.

"Remember your promise." Duan Ling Tian glanced coldly and indifferently at Flute Fairy after he finished speaking, then he returned to his room once again and started cultivating.

Flute Fairy heaved a sigh of relief.

But in next to no time, she was dumbstruck once again.

"All of you..." She noticed that not only did the gazes of the people present not change, it even became stranger.

At this moment, she finally realized that if she didn't make these people personally experience it, it would be impossible for them to believe Duan Ling Tian knew how to use demonic techniques.

In the end, she could only walk over to the courtyard that originally belonged to Ji Feng and now belonged to her with a bitter expression, then return to her room.

"Duan Ling Tian! I'll make everyone believe the fact that you know demonic techniques sooner or later!" After she returned to her room, Flute Fairy had her back to the door and was aggrieved

to the point that tears flowed down her beautiful cheeks, and she spoke with an enraged expression.

Since she was born, this was the first time she'd suffered such a great injustice.

That feeling of being misunderstood by everyone caused her to feel extremely unhappy.

Now she finally understood the meaning of the words her brother spoke to her one year ago before leaving the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

Yan, brother is going to follow Master and cultivate... I'll surely find a way to defeat Duan Ling Tian's demonic technique and wash away this humiliation! He caused me to lose all face, and caused me to encounter the doubt of everyone from the Seven Star Sword Sect!

Those were the words her brother, the Zither Young Master, Zi Shang, said to her before leaving the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

At that time, it was difficult for her to understand the rage and grievance in her brother's heart.

But now, she understood it completely.

Because, she'd lost all face before the crowd of Dragon and

Phoenix Academy students, and suffered the doubt of the crowd at the same time...

Duan Ling Tian, I'll surely help my brother find a way to overcome your demonic technique! Zi Yan lightly clenched her white teeth, and her beautiful face was extremely firm.

Duan Ling Tian naturally didn't know about everything that happened outside.

Currently, he was silently cultivation the fifth form of the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique, the Lightning Wurm Form...

Time silently flowed by.

After an unknown amount of time, Duan Ling Tian awoke after he felt the Origin Energy in his body had reached a saturated state once more.

"Squeak squeak~" Right at this moment, a wave of familiar cries sounded out.

Subsequently, he saw a bolt of golden lightning flash before his eyes before his shoulder slightly sunk, and a fluffy little gold thing had appeared there.

It was precisely the infant Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse.

"Little Gold, you've awoken?" Duan Ling Tian was slightly surprised.

"Hehe... Big Brother Ling Tian, I've finally broken through." The little gold mouse's voice transmission entered into Duan Ling Tian's ears and it was filled with excitement and delight.

Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up when he heard this, then his Spiritual Force stretched out, and he'd discovered the little gold mouse's current cultivation at the first possible moment.

Seventh level of the Void Prying Stage!

Little Gold had finally broken through to the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage.

"Little Gold, your Spiritual Force..." Duan Ling Tian seemed to have thought of something, and he looked at the little gold mouse with a burning gaze.

But he saw the little gold mouse's shiny jade green eyes had instantly gone dim, then she drooped her little head as she said via voice transmission, "Big Brother Ling Tian, I still haven't awakened my soul brand and was unable to comprehend the elementary soul skills of my Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse race."

A trace of a sense of loss that was difficult to notice flashed in Duan Ling Tian's eyes when he heard this.

But he still consoled. "It's alright, work hard and cultivate properly. Make your cultivation and Spiritual Force advance by a few levels and you'll surely be able to awaken your soul brand."

Out of the blue, an unexpected event suddenly occurred at this moment.

Duan Ling Tian saw that the little gold mouse suddenly raised her head, and her pair of jade green eyes that were originally dim had abruptly lit up.

Not only that, he saw that within the little gold mouse's pair of jade green eyes, a strand of imperceptible golden flames had emerged in each of them.

What's that? Right when wonder emerged in Duan Ling Tian's heart.

He felt a formidable Spiritual Force that was swift to the extreme sweep over, and before he had the time to react, it had already pierced into his soul.

In the next moment, his soul shook, and the little gold mouse before him and everything within his field of vision had become blurry.

Not only that, he also noticed that at this moment, the Origin Energy that he mobilized from his entire body was gradually on the verge of collapse from the shaking of his soul.

After a short moment, he noticed that the formidable Spiritual Force that attacked him had completely vanished.

Whereas his consciousness gradually became clear...

Everything returned to normal.

"Little Gold, you little fellow! You actually deceived me!" When Duan Ling Tian returned to his senses, he glared angrily at the little gold mouse.

He was naturally able to guess what happened earlier, it was obviously the little gold mouse who'd relied on her soul brand that had awoken to utilize her soul skill to trap him...

"Hehe... Big Brother Ling Tian, I'm formidable, right?" The little gold mouse raised her little head proudly, and asked with slight complacency.

"Yes." When he recalled the scene from before, Duan Ling Tian nodded with a slight lingering fear in his heart, and at the same time, he asked curiously. "Little Gold, what soul skill did you execute earlier?"

Everything that happened earlier in that instant was something he wasn't willing to experience a second time in this lifetime.

At that moment, he even had the feeling that his life had escaped his control.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, that's the first soul brand that I awakened after my Spiritual Force broke through into the Void Initiation Stage... The soul skill that's paired with this soul brand is called Soul Shaker!" The little gold mouse's voice transmission slowly entered into Duan Ling Tian's ears, and it caused his mood to surge.

Soul Shaker!

What an overbearing soul skill!

"This soul skill, Soul Shaker, ought to belong to offensive soul skills, right?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

At that instant earlier, he was able to clearly feel that the little gold mouse's Spiritual Force had instantly pierced into his soul.

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"Yes, it's an offensive soul skill." The little gold mouse replied then continued saying via voice transmission. "But, it's only an elementary soul skill, and isn't able to directly crush another's soul. It's only able to cause other's minds to be unguarded for a short period of time.

Causing one's mind to be unguarded!

When he recalled the scene of the little gold mouse's Spiritual Force piercing into his soul and the torture he'd suffered at that instant, Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but feel a lingering fear in his heart.

At that instant, even a Body Tempering Stage martial artist was probably able to kill him by relying on a weapon.

At that moment, he was undoubtedly at his weakest.

"Abnormal!" Duan Ling Tian's heart shook.

In next to no time, after communicating with the little gold mouse, Duan Ling Tian obtained a certain level of understanding towards the little gold mouse's Soul Shaker.

Soul Shaker's scope of effect was almost similar to his Thousand Illusions.

Besides being useless against existences who possessed Spiritual Forces that were stronger than themselves, it was also useless when facing Inscriptions Masters who possessed a similar level of Spiritual Force and variant demon beasts who had similarly awakened their soul brand.

"In other words, so long as they aren't Inscription Masters or demon beasts that have awakened their soul brand, Little Gold's soul shaker would be able to affect martial artists and demon beasts with the same cultivation as her Spiritual Force!" Duan Ling Tian came to a complete understanding.

"Presently, Little Gold's Spiritual Force is at the first level of the Void Initiation Stage... In other words, even if it's an ordinary first level Void Initiation Stage martial artist, then so long as the martial artist isn't an Inscription Master, Little Gold would be able to use Soul Shaker to cause the martial artist's mind to become unguarded!" When Duan Ling Tian thought up to here, a wisp of an evil smile appeared on the corners of his mouth. "If I make a move and attack the first level Void Initiation Stage martial artist at this time, then the martial artist would die for sure!"

"In other words, as long as I cooperate with Little Gold now... Then so long as we don't encounter a person whose Spiritual Force is at a higher level than Little Gold and an Inscription Master with a Spiritual Force at a similar level as Little Gold, then I can walk unhindered in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial City?" Duan Ling Tian felt a wave of excitement in his heart when he thought up to here.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, I'm tired, I want to rest for a while."

Right at this moment, the little gold mouse's voice transmission entered into Duan Ling Tian's ears.

In the next moment, Duan Ling Tian noticed that the little gold mouse had fallen asleep.

The little gold mouse slept for an entire night and day.

"Little Gold, what happened to you yesterday?" Duan Ling Tian asked impatiently after the little gold mouse awoke.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, after I used the Soul Shaker, my Spiritual Force seemed as if it was completely sucked out... Even now, it still hasn't completely recovered." The little gold mouse's voice transmission entered into Duan Ling Tian's ears, and it caused Duan Ling Tian's heart to jerk.

Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath and asked. "Little Gold, then can you utilize that soul skill, Soul Shaker, now?"

The little gold mouse shook her head. "No... The state of my Spiritual Force must attain its peak condition before I'm able to utilize Soul Shaker."

"Then how long do you need to recover after using Soul Shaker once?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian suddenly realized that he had perhaps gotten happy too early.

Little Gold's soul skill, Soul Shaker, seemed to have some restrictions.

"Almost around half a month..." Replied the little gold mouse via voice transmission.

Half a month?

Duan Ling Tian laughed bitterly.

Looks like he'd indeed gotten happy too early.

"In this way, Little Gold's Soul Shake can only be used once every half a month." Duan Ling Tian sighed to himself and was slightly disappointed.

With a quick thought he came to a sudden understanding. "As expected, the hearts of people are never content! Even if it's half a month once, it's still sufficient to be shocking... After all, Little Gold is only a seventh level Void Prying Stage demon beast now, and being able to use soul skills to affect ordinary first level Void Prying Stage martial artists and demon beasts is already extremely abnormal."

"Little Gold, tell me when your Spiritual Force has recovered to its peak... At that time, I intend to use the chance to go out this month," said Duan Ling Tian to the little gold mouse.

The little gold mouse's pair of jade green eyes lit up when she heard this, and they were like two dazzling and resplendent gemstones. "Big Brother Ling Tian, you want to go look for materials that can advance the grade of spirit swords?"

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded. "Not only do I want to find materials to advance the grade of spirit swords, I still want to buy some materials to refine medicinal pills that assist Void Prying Stage martial artists in their cultivation."

When she heard Duan Ling Tian, the little gold mouse was exceedingly excited.

Half a month passed extremely swiftly.

It had already been 20 days since Duan Ling Tian arrived at the Dragon and Phoenix Academy.

Although Outer Hall students would occasionally enter the Inner Hall to issue a challenge, it wasn't as bustling as half a month ago.

Now, the ten students in the Inner Hall was basically fixed.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, my Spiritual Force has recovered to its peak... Let's go out." Early in the morning, the little gold mouse excitedly sent a voice transmission to Duan Ling Tian.

"Alright." Duan Ling Tian nodded, then brought the little gold mouse along as he left the courtyard.

The Inner Hall was completely silent, as the 10 Inner Hall students were either in their rooms cultivating or not in the Inner Hall.

Besides having a path that led to the Outer Hall, the Inner Hall also had another shortcut that could directly lead to the gate of the Dragon and Phoenix Academy.

Duan Ling Tian chose the shortcut.

After a short moment, he'd arrived the academy gate.

At that place, two old men were standing like guardians at the sides of the gate, and they didn't move like a mountain, seeming to be two statues.

Whereas before the stone table at the side of the academy gate sat an old man.

This old man was precisely the person that was in charge of registering the entrance and departure of academy students.

"Senior." Duan Ling Tian noticed that the old man behind the stone table was the exact same old man that registered him 20 days ago.

"Duan Ling Tian?" The old man frowned when he saw Duan Ling

Tian. "Didn't I tell you that it's best that you not casually leave that academy?"

"Senior, I have something to do and must go out." Duan Ling Tian knew the old man meant well, and his heart felt warm.

The old man persuaded Duan Ling Tian for a moment longer, and when he saw Duan Ling Tian remained unmoved, he could only compromise and help Duan Ling Tian register himself.

Before Duan Ling Tian left, the old man reminded. "Duan Ling Tian, I'm afraid the matter of you arriving at our Dragon and Phoenix Academy has already spread to the Azure Forest Tri-Sect long ago... If you go out, return as soon as possible so as to avoid any troubles from occurring!"

"Yes, Senior." Duan Ling Tian replied before leaving the academy.

Duan Ling Tian hadn't left for long before he noticed two concealed gazes locked onto him by relying on his acute Spiritual Force and counter tracking ability.

"They aren't together?" What caused Duan Ling Tian to be surprised was that these two people were actually not together.

One of them was a first level Void Prying Stage martial artist.

The other one was a ninth level Void Prying Stage martial artist.

"I can deal with this ninth level Void Prying Stage martial artist if I rely on Little Gold's Soul Shaker... But, Soul Shaker can only be used once a month, and I can't waste it like this." In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian had come to a decision in his heart.

Avoid the ninth level Void Prying Stage martial artist.

As for the first level Void Prying Stage martial artist...

Duan Ling Tian's figure flashed out, seeming to have transformed into a gust of wind as he instantly vanished at the end of the street.

Whereas in the shadows, two figure appeared and chased after him.

In next to no time, they noticed that they'd lost the tracks of their target.

"Where is he?" The two of them were at different places, yet both had dazed expressions.

"Hmm, I'll first report to the two Guardian Elders about the news of Duan Ling Tian leaving the Dragon and Phoenix Academy... I presume that with the ability of the two Guardian Elders, it isn't difficult for them to stop Duan Ling Tian from returning to the Dragon and Phoenix Academy." One of them was a middle aged man, and he muttered before intending to leave the remote alley

he was in now.

But when he walked forward, he instead noticed that a figure had appeared ahead.

This figure was familiar to him.

"Duan Ling Tian!" The middle aged man recognized the person before him, and his heart shook as his face went pale.

He was able to discern that Duan Ling Tian seemed to have noticed him since long ago, and had intentionally lured him here.

Flee!

Without any hesitation, he directly stepped on the air to soar up.

What a joke!

Although he was a first level Void Prying Stage martial artist like Duan Ling Tian, he knew his limitations.

He was absolutely not a match for Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian was an existence that had comprehended Half-step Advanced Lightning Force.

"Squeak squeak~" The middle aged man has just soared into the sky when he heard a wave of ear piercing howls of the wind.

Subsequently, he saw a fluffy and chubby little gold mouse had appeared not far ahead.

The little gold mouse stood in the air, looking harmless and extremely cute.

However, at this moment, his body unconsciously stopped as his pupils constricted and he had an expression of extreme astonishment.

Because, above the little gold mouse that had appeared before him was an enormous silhouettes that curled downwards as it condensed into form, and it was looked ferocious.

It was an ancient horned dragon silhouette...

"Seventh... Seventh level Void Prying Stage!" The middle aged man's voice was filled with trembling.

Whoosh!

Right at this moment, Duan Ling Tian had arrived behind the middle aged man as well.

"You're a member of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect?" Duan Ling Tian

looked at the middle aged man and asked indifferently.

"No... No... I'm not a member of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect, you're mistaken." The middle aged man hurriedly shook his head.

What a joke!

How would he dare admit he was a member of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect at this moment?

As an elder of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect that had taken part in the process of annihilating the Seven Star Sword Sect, he was extremely clear of the enmity between the Azure Forest Tri-Sect and Duan Ling Tian.

If he allowed Duan Ling Tian to know that he was an elder of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect, then he would die for sure!

"Mistaken?" Duan Ling Tian laughed as he said indifferently, "If I'm not wrong, you were present when our Seven Star Sword Sect was annihilated by your Azure Forest Tri-Sect. Let me think... At that time, you should have been in the Demonic Lotusblade Sect's group."

"Since when did an Azure Forest Tri-Sect elder not dare admit his own identity?" As he finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian had a ridiculing smile on his face.

Although he wasn't able to remember the faces of all the Azure

Forest Tri-Sect members that invaded the Seven Star Sword Sect that day, he still clearly remembered the faces of the group of Azure Forest Tri-Sect elders, and it was engraved into his heart and bones.

This middle aged man was one of them!

The middle aged man's expression became ghastly pale when he saw Duan Ling Tian had recognized him, and his gaze became complicated... Then his gaze occasionally swept to the left, then occasionally to the right.

"She will tear you to pieces if you dare flee!" Duan Ling Tian's voice was filled with extreme coldness, and it caused the middle aged man's figure to shiver and not dare make any rash movements.

Chapter 513: Weapons Craftsmen Guild's Main Guild

"How many of people from your Azure Forest Tri-Sect have come for the sake of getting rid of me?" Duan Ling Tian's voice slowly sounded out, and it was exceedingly empty without the slightest emotion.

Coldness appeared at the corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth when he saw the middle aged man keeping his mouth shut, and he threatened. "If you don't cooperate, then I'll kill you right now..."

"You won't kill me if I cooperate?" The middle aged man imperceptibly shook as he took a deep breath and asked in a low voice.

"I won't kill you if you cooperate." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

The middle aged man heaved a sigh of relief when he obtained Duan Ling Tian's agreement. "I came with two Guardian Elders... Normally, the two Guardian Elders would wait for news at the inn and I would come out to look out for your whereabouts."

"The two Guardian Elders have given orders to notify them at the first possible moment once I notice you leaving the Dragon and Phoenix Academy." The middle aged man continued.

"So in other words, the Guardian Elders of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect don't dare to forcefully trespass into the Dragon and Phoenix

Academy?" The corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth curled into a cold smile.

The middle aged man went silent.

The Dragon and Phoenix Academy was an academy established by the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial Family, and was protected by the Imperial Family.

Although their Azure Forest Tri-Sect was extremely influential in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, it wasn't to the extent of being able to go against the Imperial Family, so they naturally didn't dare offend the Imperial Family.

"Who are the two Guardian Elders that have come from your sect?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

Actually, Duan Ling Tian already had a guess in his heart, and he just wanted to confirm it a step further.

"It's Elder Huo and Elder Ming," The middle aged man hurriedly said.

"Speak their names!" Duan Ling Tian's gaze went cold, and at this instant, the temperature of the surrounding air seemed to go down slightly.

The middle aged man's figure shook as he added. "It's Elder Tang Huo and Elder Zhao Ming."

Tang Huo?

Zhao Ming?

"It really is them!" The corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth curled into a smile of ridicule, then he glanced at the middle aged man indifferently. "After the Azure Forest Tri-Sect obtained the news of my appearance this time, it ought to be Tang Huo and Zhao Ming who took the initiative to request for the assignment to kill me, right?"

"Yes." The middle aged man nodded.

Although he was curious why Duan Ling Tian would know this, he didn't dare ask.

"Zhong Lin didn't come?" Duan Ling Tian asked again.

Tang Huo and Zhao Ming's appearance was within his expectations, as the two of them were presumably unable to forget the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk.

But, Zhong Lin not coming had exceeded his expectations.

He still remember that when he mentioned the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk that day, that Azure Forest Tri-Sect elder, Zhong Ling, was present as well.

Logically speaking, Zhong Lin probably wouldn't miss a good opportunity to capture him.

"Elder Zhong Lin died one year ago," said the middle aged man.

"Dead?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned.

"How did he die?" Duan Ling Tian was slightly curious.

That Zhong Lin was a sixth level Void Initiation Stage expert, after all, and people who could kill him in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom could be counted on one's fingers.

"I heard he was killed in the Crimson Sky Kingdom... Even I'm not too clear about the specifics." The middle aged man continued.

Crimson Sky Kingdom?

Duan Ling Tian's brows raised, and he thought of the mysterious expert from that day at the first possible moment.

That mysterious expert hadn't shown himself, yet deterred the three Guardian Elders of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect to flee merely by relying on his matchlessly formidable imposing manner...

"Could it be that Senior did it?" Duan Ling Tian guessed in his heart.

"Which inn are that Tang Huo and Zhao Ming staying in?" Duan Ling Tian looked at the little gold mouse after he obtained the last piece of information he wanted to know from the middle aged man.

"Little Gold, I'll leave it to you!" Duan Ling Tian's voice abruptly went cold.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse cried out excitedly, and her jade green eyes locked tightly onto the middle aged man.

"You... You deceived me! You said you wouldn't kill me!" Coldness emerged from the middle aged man's heart when he was locked on by the little gold mouse, his body shivered as he pointed at Duan Ling Tian in panic.

"I only said that I wouldn't kill you... I didn't say I wouldn't let her kill you." Duan Ling Tian's tone was calm and didn't carry any emotion within it.

The middle aged man revealed an expression of despair, and his figure flashed out, intending to flee.

But he didn't even have the time to move before a tiny sword light that was swift as a bolt of lightning had already slashed past the sky to swipe past his throat.

Dead!

"Squeak squeak~" When she saw the middle aged man die and his corpse crashing to the ground, the little gold mouse swung her pocket-size spirit sword about and was extremely happy.

Hiss!

With a raise of his hand, a strand of blue flames leaped up on Duan Ling Tian's palm.

Subsequently, the flames descended onto the middle aged man's corpse.

The middle aged man's corpse didn't even land on the ground when it had already transformed into ash that covered the sky and dispersed with the wind.

Grade four Weapon Flame was exceedingly overbearing.

"Little Gold, let's go... We're going to the Weapons Craftsmen Guild." He called out to the little gold mouse.

After he asked for directions from someone, Duan Ling Tian quickly found the Weapons Craftsmen Guild.

This Weapons Craftsmen Guild was also the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Weapons Craftsmen Guild's Main Guild.

As the main guild of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Weapons Craftsmen Guild, it was extremely bustling, with streams of people moving in and out endlessly.

Duan Ling Tian noticed many weapons craftsmen.

Based on the crest that they wore on their chests, they were mostly grade eight and grade nine weapons craftsmen, and he could occasionally see one or two grade seven weapons craftsmen.

As for a grade six weapons craftsmen, Duan Ling Tian instead didn't see a single one.

"A grade six weapons craftsman is considered to be an extremely rare existence in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom... After all, because there are no grade five weapons craftsmen in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, grade six weapons craftsmen can reign supreme." Duan Ling Tian quickly came to an understanding.

The Weapons Craftsmen Guild's hall was extremely spacious.

When Duan Ling Tian entered, he noticed that the various counters in the hall were almost filled with people.

A portion of these people were weapons craftsmen that had come to accept assignments or buy materials, and another portion were ordinary martial artists that had come to put up assignments.

The clamorous atmosphere in the hall caused Duan Ling Tian to

be slightly unaccustomed to it.

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian arrived before the counter that had just become empty, and he went straight to the point. "I want to see your Guild Master!"

The worker behind the counter was a beautiful woman in pretty attire, and she was stunned when she heard Duan Ling Tian, then she said, "Little Brother, our Guild Master is extremely busy, and he isn't someone you can meet on a whim. Normally, even I..."

The beautiful woman hadn't finished speaking when she stopped abruptly.

Her pair of watery eyes sprang wide open at this moment.

Her proud and delicate body lightly trembled and was filled with charm, and it caused one to have the desire of pouncing over before pressing her onto the floor and ravaging her.

All of this came from Duan Ling Tian's actions.

With a raise of his hand and with an angle that only the beautiful woman was able to see, a strand of raging and explosively rising flames burn on Duan Ling Tian's palm...

Weapon Flame!

If it was an ordinary Weapon Flame, the beautiful woman would naturally not react like this.

The problem was the Weapon Flame on Duan Ling Tian's hand was blue in color.

"Four... Grade four Weapon Flame?" The beautiful woman fiercely gulped down a mouthful of saliva and her light voice trembled intensely.

As a worker of the Weapons Craftsmen Guild, she was extremely clear of what a grade four Weapon Flame meant.

Even she had only heard of a grade four Weapon Flame, but had never seen one.

The beautiful woman only recovered from her shock after Duan Ling Tian put out the grade four Weapon Flame on his hand, and when she looked at Duan Ling Tian once more, her gaze was completely different.

She didn't dare look down on Duan Ling Tian because of his age anymore.

She knew that this was a respected grade four Weapons Craftsman!

"Do I have the qualifications to see your Guild Master now?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"Respected Lord grade four... Guest, please follow me." The beautiful woman intended to address Duan Ling Tian as Lord grade four Weapons Craftsman, but when she saw the fierce gaze that Duan Ling Tian shot at her, she instantly changed it.

She was able to discern that this grade four Weapons Craftsman didn't want others to know his identity.

The Weapons Craftsmen Guilds hall was extremely large, and the departure of Duan Ling Tian and the beautiful woman didn't attract the attention of others.

Duan Ling Tian followed behind the beautiful woman to walk into the inner hall behind the hall.

There was a staircase that led upstairs within the inner hall.

The beautiful woman led the way at the front, and Duan Ling Tian followed behind.

All along the way, the shock in the beautiful woman's eyes was difficult to be restrained...

A grade four Weapons Craftsman was sufficient to make her shocked.

But now, what truly made her shocked was the age of the young

man that followed behind her.

The young man looked to be not over 25.

Even if he took good care of his appearance, he wouldn't be more than 30 years old.

Such a young grade four Weapons Craftsman had completely overturned her past knowledge.

"Not to mention the Dao of weapons refinement is more difficult as it advances... Condensing a grade four Weapon Flame requires a cultivation at least at the first level of the Void Prying Stage! Since this young man is able to condense a grade four Weapon Flame, I presume his cultivation has already stepped into the Void Prying Stage."

The beautiful woman was able to feel that her heartbeat was speeding up.

"Young geniuses in our Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom that are below 30 years old and have stepped into the Void Prying Stage can be counted on one's fingers... Let alone a person who also has such attainments in the Dao of weapons refinement!" The beautiful woman took a deep breath and guessed the identity of the young man behind her in her heart. "Could it be that he's from the Darkhan Dynasty? Or perhaps... He's from the Foreign Lands?"

While the beautiful woman made a variety of guesses, they'd

finally arrived at their destination.

Duan Ling Tian followed behind the beautiful woman and had arrived at the third floor.

"Guild Master." The beautiful woman stood at the stairway on the third floor and respectfully bowed.

There was a door there that was covered by a curtain.

"Come in." An aged voice sounded out from behind the curtain.

"Guest, please." The beautiful woman took a stride forward and pulled open the curtain, then she gestured Duan Ling Tian in.

The instant that Duan Ling Tian strode in, he noticed a formidable Spiritual Force instantly sweep out to lock onto him.

At this instant, he even had the feeling of being stripped naked.

This Spiritual Force seemed as if it could see through everything.

"What a formidable Spiritual Force... It isn't much inferior to Elder Kong." Duan Ling Tian's heart shook.

Elder Kong was precisely that old man that Duan Ling Tian had become acquainted with in the City Governor's Estate of the

Darkstone Empire's Phoenix Nest City, and he was an Inscription Master!

An Inscription Master whose art of inscriptions could be said to be at the top in the entire Darkhan Dynasty.

Chapter 514: Jadewave Grass

Duan Ling Tian raised his head and looked at the owner of this formidable Spiritual Force.

This was an old man in green robes, his figure and face were both gaunt, yet his eyes were brimming with spirit and flickered with a frightful bright light.

Presently, the old man's gaze had descended onto Duan Ling Tian and his brows were tightly knit.

"Guild Master." Meanwhile, the beautiful woman entered behind Duan Ling Tian and said respectfully, "This guest said he wants to see you."

"See me?" The green robed old man's white brows frowned, and he had an unhappy expression as he said with a deep voice, "Could it be that it's your first day in the Weapons Craftsmen Guild? Did I say since long ago to not bring any random person here?"

The beautiful woman smiled bitterly, and she wasn't surprised by the old man's reaction.

"Guild Master. This guest is special." The beautiful woman added.

"Special?" A trace of bewilderment appeared on the old man's face.

"Guild Master, this guest..." The beautiful woman had only just started speaking when she shut her mouth, because she saw the young man beside her flip his palm and a strand of blue colored flames leaping about on the his palm.

She knew that at this moment, there was no need for her to introduce him any longer.

Whereas the old man's pupils abruptly constricted at this moment.

His gaunt face slightly twitched.

"Four... Grade four Weapon Flame! You... You're a grade four Weapons Craftsman?" The old man's voice trembled slightly, and amongst the trembling, his voice was filled with shock.

"Didn't you already see it, Guild Master?" Duan Ling Tian had a calm expression when faced with the old man's question, and with a flip of his palm, he put out the grade four Weapon Flame on his hand.

The old man finally recovered from his shock when he saw the grade four Weapon Flame vanish from his sight, then he took a deep breath before looking at the beautiful woman. "You can leave now... You're not allowed to mention this Master to anyone!" As he finished speaking, the old man added emphasis to his words.

"Yes, Guild Master." The beautiful woman didn't dare hesitate,

and she hurriedly replied before turning and leaving.

For a time, only Duan Ling Tian and the old man remained at the scene.

"The Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Weapons Craftsmen Guild's Leader, Luo Rong, greets this Master." The old man slightly bowed to Duan Ling Tian.

In the Dao of weapons refinement, the one that has attained the higher grade was the senior.

Although in terms of age, the young man was even able to be his grandson.

But in the Dao of weapons refinement, he was the junior.

"Guild Master Luo, don't bother." Duan Ling Tian smiled light as he was able to understand Luo Rong's feelings.

Even if it was a grade five Weapons Craftsmen, a grade six Weapons Craftsmen still had to address the person as Master.

Not to mention Duan Ling Tian who was one grade higher, a grade four Weapons Craftsman!

Luo Rong stood up and his gaze was extremely complicated.

"May I know your name?" Luo Rong asked respectfully.

"Guild Master Luo, just call me Duan Ling Tian." Duan Ling Tian spoke slowly.

Duan Ling Tian?!

Luo Rong's face froze as his figure shook, and even his voice slightly trembled. "You... You... You're that genius disciple of the Seven Star Sword Sect, Duan Ling Tian?"

"Seven Star Sword Sect?" Duan Ling Tian shook his head and laughed in self-ridicule. "The Seven Star Sword Sect doesn't exist any longer. At most, I'm currently a disciple of a perished sect."

"You're really that Duan Ling Tian?" Luo Rong was completely dumbstruck when he obtained Duan Ling Tian's confirmation.

He never imagined that this grade four Weapons Craftsman was actually the Seven Star Sword Sect genius disciple whose name was spread and gave rise to much discussion in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

The existence that was publically acknowledged to transcend the five great young masters.

"Looks like the rumors weren't false... Five great young masters? They're utterly incapable of comparing with him!" Luo Rong gasped in his heart.

As far as he was concerned, the five great young masters were entirely not on the same level as Duan Ling Tian.

Moreover, not to mention Duan Ling Tian's monstrous natural talent in the Martial Dao, even Duan Ling Tian's natural talent in the Dao of weapons refinement caused him to feel deeply ashamed.

During his life, he'd studied the Dao of weapons refinement for a few tens of years, but until today, he was still only a grade six Weapons Craftsman.

He suddenly felt that he'd wasted living all these years!

"Could it be that the identity of Duan Ling Tian is worth to be faked?" Duan Ling Tian was speechless when he saw the old man's dumbstruck expression.

Luo Rong was slightly embarrassed, then he said, "Don't be angry Master, I was just slightly surprised."

"Alright, Guild Master Luo... Don't call me Master in the future, calling me Duan Ling Tian is enough." Duan Ling Tian waved his hand and said.

"Luo Rong doesn't deserve it." Luo Rong had a fearful expression when he heard Duan Ling Tian.

As the Guild Master of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Weapons Craftsmen Guild's Leader, Luo Rong's infatuation to the Dao of weapons refinement was something that was difficult for an ordinary person to imagine.

In his eyes, the Dao of weapons refinement was extremely sacred!

A grade four Weapons Craftsmen was worthy of him extending the highest respect.

Duan Ling Tian didn't say anything further when he saw Luo Rong insisting on sticking to it.

"Master, did you need something from me?" Luo Rong asked.

He believed that it was quite unlikely that a grade four Weapons Craftsman would come look for him if there the person didn't need something.

"Guild Master Luo, I'll get straight to the point... I came here today mainly because I wanted to get some materials from Guild Master Luo." Duan Ling Tian declared his intentions.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian declared a few materials, and they were all core materials used for refining grade four spirit weapons.

These materials were sufficient to advance the grade five spirit swords in his and the little gold mouse's possession into grade four spirit swords... At that time, the strength of himself and the little

gold mouse would acquire a great improvement.

"These materials... Master, you intend to refine a grade four spirit weapon?" Luo Rong's gaze lit up and even his breathing became hurried.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

"Master..." Luo Rong's face flushed red as he looked at Duan Ling Tian yet hesitated to speak.

Duan Ling Tian said, "So long as you find these materials that I require, I can allow you to personally observe when I refine the grade four spirit weapon... Not only that, I can even guide you, and allow you to become a grade five Weapons Craftsman within a year!"

Earlier, when Luo Rong's formidable Spiritual Force flashed over, Duan Ling Tian had sensed a trace of faint aura within Luo Rong's Spiritual Force.

That trace of aura was precisely related to a Weapons Craftsman.

He clearly sensed from that trace of aura that Luo Rong had already found his way to the door towards the grade five Weapons Craftsman, but he was unable to break through for so long because he didn't have anyone to guide him.

"Master... Is what you said true?!" Luo Rong's breathing became

hurried, his chest rising and falling like a bellows, and it couldn't calm down for a long time.

"I'll be back after a month... I hope that you've already prepared it by then." Duan Ling Tian glanced indifferently at the excited Luo Rong, then turned and left, and only leaving behind the view of his back to Luo Rong.

Luo Rong's feelings gradually calmed down after Duan Ling Tian's figure vanished before his eyes, and after a short moment, he left hastily to go prepare.

He only had a month of time, and he knew that this was his opportunity that he couldn't let slip.

If it was any other person that said they were able to allow him to become a grade five Weapons Craftsman within a year, he wouldn't believe the person, even if he was beaten to death.

But Duan Ling Tian was different.

Not to mention Duan Ling Tian was a grade four Weapons Craftsman himself, just Duan Ling Tian being able to possess such high attainments in the Dao of weapons refinement at such a young age was sufficient to make him deeply believe Duan Ling Tian's words.

So during this month, even if he had to exert his utmost strength, he would still gather all those materials for Duan Ling Tian.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian had already left the Weapons Craftsmen Guild.

He naturally didn't know of Luo Rong's loss of composure after he left.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse stood on Duan Ling Tian's shoulder and cried out twice. "Big Brother Ling Tian, will that geezer be able to gather the materials you want within a month?"

"Don't worry." Duan Ling Tian smiled lightly when he heard the little gold mouse's voice transmission. "As long as he wants to break through to become a grade five Weapons Craftsman, then he will prepare all those materials on time... This is his chance, and he won't let it slip by!"

The little gold mouse nodded, seeming to not fully understand.

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian and the little gold mouse walked into the biggest trade market at the center of the Imperial City.

As the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial City's biggest trade market, how bustling it was, was beyond Duan Ling Tian's imagination.

At the trade market, carriages formed dragons that flowed

without end.

Duan Ling Tian went to a few medicinal stores and finally bought most of the medicinal materials, and he only lacked a core material.

"Although that Jadewave Grass can't be considered to be extremely rare, it's extremely difficult to come by... Perhaps I have to go to a large medicinal store to buy it." Duan Ling Tian thought in his heart then he continued to go up and down the trade market.

After half an hour, he found a large medicinal store that he was looking for.

No matter if it was the space it occupied or the level of floors it possessed, the scale of this large medicinal store was a few times larger than a small medicinal store.

"Customer, may I know what you need?" Duan Ling Tian had only just walked into the medicinal store's door when an attendant came over to greet him.

"Do you have Jadewave Grass here?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

The attendant's gaze lit up when he heard Duan Ling Tian, and he confirmed a step further. "Sir, you want a Jadewave Grass?"

Jadewave grass was the main medicinal material needed to refine a Void Condensing Pill.

One Jadewave Grass was sufficient to refine one hundred Void Condensing Pills.

Whereas a Void Condensing Pill was something a Void Prying Stage martial artist required to cultivate, and this also caused the price of Jadewave Grass to be on the high side.

Merely a single Jadewave Grass was worth 10 million gold!

"Yes, do you have one in your store?" Duan Ling Tian asked again.

"Customer, your luck is good... There just happens to be one Jadewave Grass remaining in our store!" The attendant revealed a brilliant smile as he brought Duan Ling Tian upstairs.

He was able to obtain quite a large amount of commission from selling a Jadewave Grass.

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian followed behind the attendant to arrive at the counter on the east side of the medicinal store's second floor.

"Manager Wang, this customer needs a Jadewave Grass," said the attendant to the old man behind the counter.

The old man raised his eyes to glance at Duan Ling Tian when he

heard this. "Customer, a Jadewave Grass is 10 million gold. Will you pay on the spot, or do you need us to follow you to withdraw it?"

The old man said this because he saw that Duan Ling Tian was young and felt that Duan Ling Tian ought to not have brought so much money with him.

After all, a young man carrying so much money was extremely dangerous.

"There's no need, I'll pay right now." Duan Ling Tian shook his head, and he raised his hand, intending to withdraw some gold bills.

But right at this moment.

"I want this Jadewave Grass!" A sonorous voice sounded out, and it was filled with overbearingness.

Subsequently, a robust figure appeared before Duan Ling Tian's eyes the instant Duan Ling Tian frowned and turned around.

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This was a robust middle aged man who wore embroidered clothed and was obviously of extraordinary birth.

"Fifth Master Yin." Whereas the attendant by Duan Ling Tian's side went pale and respectfully bowed to the middle aged man.

Whoosh!

Duan Ling Tian withdrew his gaze and a large stack of gold bills appeared on his hand before he counted 10 million from it.

Slap!

The thick stack of 10 million gold was pressed onto the counter by Duan Ling Tian. "Manager Wang, this is 10 million gold... Please count it."

Manager Wang nodded and stretched out his hand to pick up the stack of gold on the counter.

Right at this moment.

"Kid, are you dead? I've already said that I want that Jadewave Grass!" The middle aged man's face was extremely gloomy as he shouted in a stern voice.

Duan Ling Tian seemed as if he didn't hear the middle aged man's words, and he silently looked at the old man behind the counter that was counting his gold bills.

Whereas the middle aged man seemed to not dare flare up at the old man, and he only targeted Duan Ling Tian, and his eyes flickered with cold lights as he said, "Kid, do you know who I am?"

Duan Ling Tian still remained indifferent.

"10 million gold, it's correct." Meanwhile, the old man behind the counter nodded, and after he put away the gold, he withdrew a spirit grass that flowed with jade lights with a raise of his hand before passing it to Duan Ling Tian.

It was precisely the Jadewave Grass!

Duan Ling Tian extended his hand to receive it, then put it away into his Spatial Ring under the middle aged man's gaze that was filled with killing intent.

"Thank you, Manager Wang." After he put away the Jadewave Grass, Duan Ling Tian lightly smiled as he thanked the old man.

The old man knew why Duan Ling Tian thanked him. "Everything depends on order of arrival... Since you've produced 10 million gold, this Jadewave Grass is naturally yours."

Duan Ling Tian nodded and bid his farewell to the old man.

"Little Brother, this person is the Yin Clan's Fifth Master, Yin Zhong. Try your best to walk through places that are crowded after you leave here... Otherwise, I'm afraid you'll lose both your wealth and life."

Duan Ling Tian had just walked a few steps when he received a wave of voice transmission.

He was able to discern that it was Manager Wang who was warning him.

"Thank you." Duan Ling Tian maintained his expression as he expressed his gratitude, and then he left the medicinal store.

Of course, Duan Ling Tian noticed someone was following him when he left.

It was precisely the robust middle aged man.

Yin Clan's Fifth Master?

"Could it be the fifth uncle of that Yin Zhe that I crippled 20 days ago at the gate of Dragon and Phoenix Academy?" Duan Ling Tian's gaze was slightly strange.

"Hmph! Dare to seize my Jadewave Grass? It's fine as well, I'll save that 10 million gold as well! Not only that, I ought to be able to

earn a sum of money." Yin Zhong silently followed behind Duan Ling Tian and a cold smile appeared on the corners of his mouth.

Earlier, this person actually dared to disregard him.

He would kill this person, seize the Jadewave Grass, and seize everything this person possessed.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse's cry sounded out by Duan Ling Tian's ear. "Big Brother Ling Tian, that fellow has followed us over."

"Little Gold, you only noticed now?" Duan Ling Tian shook his head when he heard the little gold mouse's voice transmission.

It seemed that although Little Gold had awakened her soul brand and comprehended a soul skill, yet her ability of utilizing Spiritual Force was far inferior to Duan Ling Tian who was an Inscription master.

"Unfortunately, although I can inscribe inscriptions that are sufficient to annihilate all Void Prying Stage martial artists, the materials required by those inscriptions are truly too difficult to obtain to the point that they can only be chanced upon by luck and not sought after." Duan Ling Tian sighed, then thought to himself. "Otherwise, I can kill this Yin Clan's Fifth Elder solely by relying on inscriptions!"

After he merged with the memories of the Rebirth Martial

Emperor, Duan Ling Tian's attainments in the Dao of inscriptions was extremely advanced.

So long as his Spiritual Force fulfilled the conditions, he would be able to easily inscribe any inscription.

But, the higher the grade and might of the inscriptions, the more valuable the material required were...

Duan Ling Tian was currently capable of inscribing many formidable offensive inscriptions, but he was unable to inscribe them because he didn't have the materials.

"But, although the material required by high grade offensive inscriptions are rare, the materials required by many high grade auxiliary inscriptions were rare, yet not impossible to obtain." Duan Ling Tian thought in his heart. "Perhaps I should find the time to obtain some materials, then inscribe some auxiliary inscriptions."

Not long after, Duan Ling Tian had left the trade market, and then he made a turn and went into a remote area.

He's only just entered the remote area.

Whoosh!

An ear piercing howl of the wind sounded out, it flashed from behind him like a bloodthirsty fierce beast that opened up its blood

mouth to bite Duan Ling Tian.

Whereas at the instant the howl of the wind sounded out, Duan Ling Tian seemed as if he possessed foresight, and he moved.

Whirlwind!

Moving aside in time to cause the person who launched a sneak attack from behind to hit nothing.

"First level Void Prying Stage?" The person that launched the sneak attack was precisely the Yin Clan's Fifth Master, Yin Zhong, and he was slightly surprised when he looked at the 2,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes in the sky above the violet clothed young man that dodged his attack.

Subsequently, his gaze descended onto the little gold mouse on the violet clothed youth's shoulder.

A bright light flashed in his mind.

"You... You're Duan Ling Tian?" Bright lights shot out from Yin Zhong's eyes and his tone was filled with excitement.

"Truly an honor... The Yin Clan's Fifth Master actually knows me." Duan Ling Tian had a calm expression as he looked at Yin Zhong.

"You know me?" Yin Zhong frowned, then he grunted. "It's surely that old goat Wang Pin that told you... That old goat really doesn't know how to mind his own business! Does he really think I don't dare do anything to him?"

The Wang Ping that Yin Zhong mentioned was precisely the Manager Wang at the second floor of the medicinal store.

"But, how could that old goat Wang Ping have known that you wouldn't listen to his advice, hahahaha..." As he finished speaking, Yin Zhong started laughing loudly.

Duan Ling Tian had a calm expression when faced with Yin Zhong who laughed arrogantly. "Are you done laughing?"

"Duan Ling Tian!" Finally, Yin Zhong restrained his laughter, and a cold light appeared in his eyes as he stared fixedly at Duan Ling Tian. "I truly never imagined that I would encounter you under such circumstances... Looks like the heavens want to allow me to take revenge for my pitiable nephew!"

"You crippled my nephew's arm and destroyed his life... Today, I'll take your life!" Yin Zhong's ruthless words had just finished sounding out when he'd already shot out.

Everywhere he passed, dust and dirt suffused up into the air.

In the sky, 8,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes condensed into form...

This Yin Zhong was obviously a sixth level Void Prying Stage martial artist.

Bang!

Yin Zhong seemed to have transformed into a gust of wind that instantly arrived before Duan Ling Tian, then his fist shot straight out as if it had transformed into a cannonball that fiercely smashed towards Duan Ling Tian's head.

He seemed as if he wanted to blast open Duan Ling Tian's head with a single punch!

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian felt a wave of fierce and swift strong winds sweep over, and it brushed past him to the point his cheeks hurt.

But he maintained his composure from the beginning until the end when faced with Yin Zhong's strike, and he even didn't blink his eyes.

Coldness appeared on the corners of Yin Zhong's mouth, and he thought that Duan Ling Tian had given up on resistance.

When Yin Zhong's fist was about to collide with Duan Ling Tian's head...

"Squeak!!" An ear piercing cry tore open the sky.

Subsequently, Yin Zhong saw a gold light flash out from Duan Ling Tian's shoulder, and it fiercely collided with his fist that shot out.

He hadn't even has the time to react when his fist was already struck by the gold light.

Kacha!

Instantly, a wave of piercing sounds of bones breaking sounded out.

Subsequently, he felt a wave of intense pain come from his fist, causing him to feel a heart rending pain and he couldn't refrain from emitting a sad and shrill cry.

At the same time, a terrifying force lifted him up and sent him flying.

In his dazed state, he clearly saw the gold light that was swift like a bolt of lightning transform into a cute and fluffy little gold mouse.

Whereas in the sky above the little gold mouse, a lifelike ancient horned dragon silhouettes bared its fangs and brandished its claws as it moved in circles.

"Seventh level of the Void Prying Stage!" The instant his body fell to the ground in a sorry state, Yin Zhong recovered from his shock and his face went ghastly pale.

"You... You schemed against me since long ago? You intentionally lured me here?" After Yin Zhong consumed a healing medicinal pill, he struggled to stand up, and he gnashed his teeth as he stared at Duan Ling Tian.

"What do you think?" Duan Ling Tian's expression still remained calm as he asked rhetorically.

"I never expected that I, Yin Zhong, swept past unhindered in my entire life, yet was annihilated in the hands of a little devil like you in the end... But you won't be able to be complacent for long! The Azure Forest Tri-Sect will spare no expense in killing you..." Yin Zhong seemed to have realized that he was in imminent danger, and simply let go.

But he wasn't able to finish his words in the end.

Because a tiny sword light had completely ended him.

"Squeak squeak~" After the little gold mouse pierced Yin Zhong's throat with a single strike, her fluffy body flashed out, using her butt to knock Yin Zhong's face and putting him to the ground.

Subsequently, the little gold mouse plunged down and removed

Yin Zhong's Spatial Ring in a practiced manner before sending it to Duan Ling Tian and taking credit. "Big Brother Ling Tian, I want a huge meal! I want a huge meal!"

In the past, during the time she followed Duan Ling Tian to gain experience and tempering, she'd help Duan Ling Tian gather the 'spoils of the battle' on countless occasions.

"Alright! You can eat whatever you want," said Duan Ling Tian generously.

After he established ownership over Yin Zhong's Spatial Ring, Duan Ling Tian noticed that there was actually 30 million gold within it.

As for other things, like low purity medicinal pills, low grade spirit weapons, etc... They were all useless things to him.

"30 million gold... The gains aren't bad." With a raise of his hand, a strand of grade four Weapon Flame blazed on Duan Ling Tian's palm, then he went to a nearby restaurant to have a meal after burning Yin Zhong's corpse into nothingness.

Duan Ling Tian started pondering deeply as he gazed at the little gold mouse gobbling down her food.

"According to what that Azure Forest Tri-Sect Elder said, besides him, only Tang Huo and Zhao Ming have come from the Azure Forest Tri-Sect to the Imperial City this time..." Duan Ling Tian

frowned. "Who is that ninth level Void Prying Stage martial artist?"

Duan Ling Tian still remembered that when he'd just left the Dragon and Phoenix Academy today, besides noticing the Azure Forest Tri-Sect Elder, he also noticed another person.

That person was a ninth level Void Prying Stage martial artist.

Duan Ling Tian thought for a long time, yet couldn't wrap his head around it.

He simply didn't continue thinking and brought the little gold mouse to return to the academy after they ate their fill.

Duan Ling Tian had only just entered the Inner Hall when Duan Ling Tian saw a handsome young man in red clothes standing there silently with his eyes closed as he rested his mind.

Suddenly, the red clothed young man raised his head, and his fierce gaze looked towards Duan Ling Tian.

"You're Duan Ling Tian?" The red clothed young man's voice was filled with hostility.

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"Right, I'm Duan Ling Tian. Do you need anything?" Duan Ling Tian nodded.

At the same time, his Spiritual Force stretched out.

At the first possible moment, Duan Ling Tian noticed that this red clothed young man was actually a second level Void Prying Stage martial artist.

"This person looks to a little over 30... In terms of natural talent, he's even able to compare with the figures that are on the level as the five great young masters!" Duan Ling Tian thought in his heart. "I've seen four of the five great young masters... Could it be that he's the Flame Young Master that's ranked second?"

Flame Young Master, Zhang Yan.

The Third Prince of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial Family, and the most outstanding genius in the Martial Dao of the Imperial Family's younger generation.

Duan Ling Tian had once heard of him when he was wandering about.

"I heard you bullied Zi Yan?" When the red clothed young man mentioned Zi Yan, there seemed to be slight tender affection mixed within the depths of his sharp eyes.

"Flute Fairy?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned, then frowned. "When did I bully her?"

"Hmph! You still dare give excuses?" The red clothed young man's face sank, and a fierce light flickered in his eyes. "Bullying Zi Yan is equal to going against me, Zhang Yan! I heard that not only have you broken through to the first level of the Void Prying Stage, you've even comprehended Half-step Advanced Lightning Force..."

"I'll properly experience your great moves today! I only hope that you don't disappoint me." Zhang Yan took a step forward, and the Origin Energy on his body leaped up as his sharp eyes stared fixedly at Duan Ling Tian.

"It's really him!" Duan Ling Tian completely confirmed it when he heard Zhang Yan announce his name.

He was able to discern that Zhang Yan had feelings towards Flute Fairy, and he was standing up for Flute Fairy now.

"I've already said that I didn't bully her... As for the incident the other day, it was she who brought it onto herself!" Duan Ling Tian was able to discern that although Zhang Yan was hostile towards him, it was only limited to teaching him a lesson and didn't have any malice towards him.

So he explained with extreme patience.

As for if Zhang Yan listened or not, that wasn't something that he could interfere.

If Zhang Yan really wanted to battle, he wasn't afraid as well!

"This Zhang Yan is a second level Void Prying Stage martial artist, and merely his Origin Energy is able to exert a strength of 3,000 ancient mammoths... Even if the Force he comprehended is only an Elementary Force, his strength would still surpass mine slightly." At this instant, Duan Ling Tian's thoughts revolved.

"But, it isn't so easy if he wants to defeat me!" When face with an opponent that matched his strength, Duan Ling Tian felt the blood in his body had signs of boiling.

Battle?

I, Duan Ling Tian, am not afraid!

If you want to fight, then we'll fight!

"No matter what, you caused her to lose face in public... Today, I'll surely make you know not to make a mistake like this again!" Sharp lights flickered within Zhang Yan's eyes as he shouted in a low voice. "Considering that you're only a first level Void Prying Stage martial artist, I won't use Force when I fight you today!"

Won't use Force?

Zhang Yan's words caused Duan Ling Tian to be stunned, then he couldn't help but smile.

This Zhang Yan was interesting.

Perhaps, as far as Zhang Yan was concerned, he would be able to completely crush Duan Ling Tian even if he didn't use Force.

Although the commotion between Duan Ling Tian and Zhang Yan wasn't loud and didn't alarm the Outer Hall, the other nine students from the Inner Hall heard the sounds and came out.

Crazy Young Master, Sword Young Master, Ji Feng, Sima Yang, and the others were shockingly present.

"It's Flame Young Master!"

"Flame Young Master has come?"

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Some Inner Hall students couldn't refrain from exclaiming in shock.

A few Inner Hall disciples whose cultivations were at the bottom had their brows frowned tightly together, and they had an expression of perturbed and worried expression.

The arrival of Flame Master also meant that one more person would be eliminated from the Inner Hall.

Although Flame Young Master and Duan Ling Tian were ready to cross swords at this moment, they didn't think that the one eliminated would be Duan Ling Tian.

Even if Duan Ling Tian lost at the hands of Flame Young Master, and his place in the Inner Hall was seized.

He could challenge an Inner Hall student again and occupy a place in the Inner Hall once again.

"Zhang Yan?" A violet colored fairy-like figure walked out from one of the courtyards, and it was a beautiful young woman.

The young woman had a graceful figure, and as she stood there, her extreme charm attracted the gazes of everyone.

It was precisely the Flute Fairy, Zi Yan.

Along with Flute Fairy walking out, Zhang Yan turned around, and the cold and indifferent expression vanished to be replaced by a warm smile. "Zi Yan, look as I teach Duan Ling Tian a lesson for you!"

"Zhang Yan, I don't need you to interfere in my business." Flute

Fairy instead didn't appreciate the kindness and spoke indifferently.

This scene caused Duan Ling Tian to be astonished.

After all this, it turned out that Flame Young Master was thinking wishfully.

"Zi Yan, you're my fiancée... If I don't interfere in your business, then who will?" Zhang Yan didn't get angry because of Flute Fairy treating him coldly. A smile hung on his face since the beginning until the end, and his eyes were filled with extremely gentleness and tenderness.

It was as if he was spellbound as he looked at the young woman with infatuation.

"Who's your fiancé?" Flute Fairy's voice went slightly cold. "I told you long ago, don't hope that I'll agree to the marriage contract! I won't marry you even if I die."

"Zi Yan, I'll make you fall in love with me." Flame Young Master spoke with extreme patience.

"You two slowly chat." Duan Ling Tian yawned when he saw Flame Young Master and Flute Fairy chatting in full swing, and he intended to return to his room and rest.

"Don't move!" But Duan Ling Tian had only just taken a few steps

when a figure that had transformed into wind blocked his path.

At this moment, Zhang Yan didn't have the humbleness when facing Flute Fairy, and his expression was cold as if he was a different person.

"Duan Ling Tian, I'll surely help Zi Yan properly vent her anger!" Zhang Yan shouted in a light voice, then he pounced at Duan Ling Tian, and his swaying body was exceedingly nimble.

At this instant, Duan Ling Tian had a misconception, it was as if Flame Young Master had transformed into a nimble loach that caused it to be difficult for others to touch him in the slightest.

Whoosh!

When Flame Young Master flashed towards Duan Ling Tian, 3,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes condensed into form in the sky, and they dashed out in tow with imposing manners that shot into the sky like rainbows.

Instantly, Flame Young Master raised his hand and pointed out, and the point tore open the sky as it stabbed towards Duan Ling Tian.

Swish!

A material point force condensed from Origin Energy shot at Duan Ling Tian, and it gave rise to a wave of ear piercing howls.

"Finger martial skill?" Duan Ling Tian was slightly surprised as he never expected that the martial skill Flame Young Master executed was a finger skill as well.

Whirlwind!

Early on before Flame Young Master had attacked, Duan Ling Tian had already been ready, and now his entire body shot out accompanied by the surging of wind and thunder, dodging past Flame Young Master's attack that approached in full fury.

Swish!

The Origin Energy finger's momentum didn't slow down as it shot into the ground, and it easily pierced a bottomless little hole.

But, no one noticed this at this moment.

The gazes of everyone seemed to have pre-discussed it and had descended onto the sky above Duan Ling Tian in unison.

3,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes floated there.

"Duan Ling Tian had broken through to the second level of the Void Prying Stage?" An Inner Hall student couldn't help but be greatly surprised.

"No... It's Force! Duan Ling Tian used Force earlier... He's still a first level Void Prying Stage martial artist." An Inner Hall disciple that had a much more discerning eye spoke out.

"Force? What Force is able to bestow Duan Ling Tian with the strength of 1,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes?" Many people were deeply puzzled.

Force was divided into three stages.

Ordinarily speaking.

Elementary Force was able to bestow a martial artist with the strength of 200 ancient mammoths.

Half-step Advanced Force was able to bestow a martial artist with the strength of 500 ancient mammoths.

Advanced Force was able to bestow a martial artist with the strength of 2,000 ancient mammoths.

There was no Force that bestowed the strength of 1,000 ancient mammoths to a martial artist...

The questions of the people present was Zhang Yan's question at the same time.

"Duan Ling Tian, I never expected that you're actually able to

execute the strength of 3,000 ancient mammoths... I've really underestimated you! But, I've said I won't use Force, so I won't! I'll use the same strength to defeat you." As soon as Zhang Yan finished speaking, his figure swayed one more, seeming to have transformed into a slippery loach that flashed towards Duan Ling Tian.

Whirlwind!

Duan Ling Tian moved as well, and in terms of speed, he wasn't inferior to Flame Young Master.

Whereas unlike Flame Young Master who only had pure Origin Energy beneath his feet.

At the same time that Duan Ling Tian flashed out, there was also Force besides Origin Energy...

This time, Duan Ling Tian's Force was clearly displayed before the eyes of the group of Inner Hall students.

"It's not only one type of Force!" The Crazy Young Master, Luo Zhan, who was spectating was the first to react, and his gaze completely focused onto Duan Ling Tian's legs. "Besides Half-step Advanced Lightning Force, there's still another type of Half-step Advanced Force... Wind! It's Wind Force! Half-step Advanced Wind Force!"

After he discerned the ability that Duan Ling Tian executed, Luo

Zhan's heart shook and a wisp of bitterness unconsciously appeared on the corners of his mouth.

A first level Void Prying Stage martial artist comprehending a single type of Half-step Advanced Force was already sufficiently shocking.

Duan Ling Tian had instead comprehended two types of Half-step Advanced Force!

"My natural talent and comprehension can be considered to be at the top in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom... But until now, I haven't even comprehended Half-step Advanced Fire Force." A wisp of imperceptible bitterness flashed deep within Luo Zhan's eyes.

At this moment, all the Inner Hall students were dumbstruck as they looked at the two swift figures that flashed before their eyes.

Duan Ling Tian actually wasn't disadvantaged in the slightest when facing a second level Void Prying Stage martial artist.

"Half-step Advanced Wind Force?" The old man outside the exquisite house stared blankly at the scene in the Inner Hall, and he was slightly absent-minded.

The two types of Half-step Advanced Force that appeared at the same time while that violet colored figure flashed caused him to be greatly shocked in his heart!

"Duan Ling Tian, take this!" Zhang Yan lightly shouted as he pointed out his finger with a raise of his hand.

Swish!

The point force condensed from Origin Energy tore open the sky and emitted piercing howls that were deafening as it shot towards Duan Ling Tian>

Duan Ling Tian abruptly turned around, copying Zhang Yan's movement and pointed out with his finger.

Tempest Point!

Instantly, a material finger condensed from Origin Energy shot out from the tip of Duan Ling Tian's finger.

Not only that, a strand of light violet energy and a strand of light azure energy accompanied this finger to shoot out...

Half-step Advanced Lightning Force!

Half-step Advanced Wind Force!

Swish!

The two point forces condensed from Origin Energy collided with each other.

Bang!

An enormous bang sounded out as the two formidable Origin Energies collided with each other, then they were dispersed together in the end, transforming into nothingness.

Right when the bodies of Duan Ling Tian and Zhang Yan shook at the same time, and they retreated a few steps.

Whoosh!

At the place where the two Origin Energies collided, the airflow blasted out, causing a wave of strong winds that swept out towards the surroundings, and it struck the clothes of the group of Inner Hall students to the point they fluttered with the wind and emitted flapping sounds.

But no one cared about this now.

The gazes of everyone had descended onto Duan Ling Tian in unison.

Chapter 517: Luo Rong's Shock

Perhaps, when Duan Ling Tian executed his movement technique earlier, most Inner Hall students didn't notice his Wind Force.

However, when Duan Ling Tian pointed out that finger earlier, the Wind Force that twined around it was noticed by them.

"Besides Half-step Advanced Lightning Force, there was actually Half-step Advanced Wind Force within the finger martial skill that Duan Ling Tian executed earlier!" An Inner Hall student couldn't help but exclaim in surprise.

It was like a stone that gave rise to a thousand ripples!

His words caused all the Inner Hall students present to recover from their shock.

"Duan Ling Tian..." Sword Young Master had a complicated gaze.

Only now did he realize that Duan Ling Tian's strength had surpassed him by so much.

"Abnormal as expected!" Ji Feng and Sima Yang gasped.

"Hmph!" Chai Jin's expression was gloomy, and his eyes revealed a vicious expression.

"He has actually comprehended two Half-step Advanced Forces..." Flute Fairy stood there, her beautiful face was slightly moved, and her watery eyes contained disbelief mixed within.

Even if it was the person concerned, Zhang Yan, the Flame Young Master who was one of the five great young masters of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, he was now flabbergasted.

Duan Ling Tian's ability had exceeded his expectations!

He was originally a proud person and had always refused to admit anyone was superior to him.

Even if it was Crazy Young Master who was the top ranked amongst the five great young masters, he similarly didn't feel that he was weaker than Crazy Young Master.

But now, when he was before this violet clothed young man, he couldn't help but feel a wave of powerlessness.

"Let's stop here." Duan Ling Tian glanced indifferently at Zhang Yan, then walked into the courtyard with large strides and returned to his room.

This time, Zhang Yan didn't stop Duan Ling Tian.

After this battle, the group of Inner Hall students of Dragon and Phoenix Academy could be considered to have completely understood Duan Ling Tian's strength.

The level of monstrosity of the Seven Star Sword Sect's genius disciple had exceeded their imagination.

After a short moment, Zhang challenged an Inner Hall student, and that person directly admitted defeat.

The remaining Inner Hall students gradually dispersed.

The Inner Hall returned to calmness.

Time flowed by, and dusk quickly arrived.

Within an inn in the Imperial City, two old men were gathered together.

"What's going on? He Li has actually not returned..."

"Could it be that something happened?"

If Duan Ling Tian was here, he would surely be able to recognize that these two old men were exactly the two Guardian Elders of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect.

Tang Huo and Zhao Ming.

"Can it be that Duan Ling Tian noticed him?" Tang Huo's face

sank.

Zhao Ming's eyes flickered with cold lights as he said in a low voice. "Tang Huo, we have to think of a way to capture that Duan Ling Tian as soon as possible... Otherwise, I'm afraid I'll be unable to refrain from killing him!"

Although Zhao Ming urgently wanted to obtain the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk, when he thought of how Duan Ling Tian had destroyed his son and grandson, a wave of evil flames couldn't help but emerged within his heart.

"Don't worry, Elder Ming... We'll find a chance." Tang Huo's eyes flickered with cold lights as he spoke slowly. "It won't be long before the Dragon and Phoenix Academy will probably give the group of students a mission to gain experience and tempering... At that time, with our Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciples delivering us information, are you still afraid we'll be unable to find an opportunity to capture Duan Ling Tian?"

Zhao Ming's expression eased up slightly when he heard this, yet his eyes still flickered with frightful cold lights.

For a month, Duan Ling Tian stayed and cultivated within the academy's Inner Hall, and he didn't leave his courtyard.

Whereas during this month of time, the news of him fighting to a tie with Flame Young Master, Zhang Yan, was like a gale that swept through the entire academy, and it caused most of the academy students to be filled with adoration towards him.

One month later, Duan Ling Tian walked out of his room and enjoyed the bath of the sun.

"I hope that Luo Rong has already prepared all the materials I require..." Duan Ling Tian's eyes were filled with anticipation.

Grade four spirit sword!

Just thinking about it caused him to be unable to refrain from feeling a wave of excitement in his heart.

Once he successfully refined a grade four spirit sword, he would have the confidence to make the grade four spirit sword possess the ability to amplify his strength by 60%.

What sort of a notion was 60% of strength?

Take Little Gold for example. Little Gold was a seventh level Void Prying Stage demon beast, and she was able to exert the strength of one ancient horned dragon by merely relying on her Origin Energy.

One ancient horned dragon was equivalent to the strength of 10,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes.

If this strength was amplified by the grade four spirit sword he refined, it would be able to provide an increase of an entire 6,000

ancient mammoths worth of strength...

In other words, once Little Gold relied on the grade four spirit sword in her possession, she would be able to exert the strength of one ancient horned dragon plus 6,000 ancient mammoths!

If Little Gold utilized her Advanced Lightning Force on top of this, her strength would be even more terrifying!

At that time, she would only be the strength of 2,000 ancient mammoths away from the strength of 2 ancient horned dragons.

"Little Gold, let's go!" Duan Ling Tian called the little gold mouse before leaving the Inner Hall with her.

When Duan Ling Tian registered himself at the gate of the academy, Duan Ling Tian specially observed for a while, and in the end, he noticed that only a ninth level Void Prying Stage martial artist was watching him from the shadows.

"Looks like it's still that person from before." Duan Ling Tian heaved a sigh of relief.

He was really worried that the two old goats of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect would personally come to monitor the movement at the gate of the academy.

The facts proved that those two old goats didn't do this.

Otherwise, he would really not dare leave the academy like this.

After he finished registering, Duan Ling Tian increased his speed, and in next to no time, he shook off that ninth level Void Prying Stage martial artist.

"Hmph! I'll properly deal with you after I refine a grade four spirit sword for Little Gold." Duan Ling Tian floated high above in the sky as he looked down at the azure clothed middle aged man that was looking around and seemed to be looking for something, and his face sank slightly.

The azure clothed middle aged man searched in the vicinity before going to look at another place.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian descended from the sky and returned the place he shook off the azure clothed middle aged man earlier.

Subsequently, he directly went to the Weapons Craftsmen Guild.

The Weapons Craftsmen Guild's Main Guild was as bustling as the last time.

After Duan Ling Tian entered, he went towards the counter that the beautiful woman was at.

The beautiful woman was registering an assignment for a weapons craftsman, and when she noticed a gaze focus onto herself, she looked over unconsciously.

With just a glance, it caused her delicate figure to tremble.

"Finish your work first." When he saw the beautiful woman wanting to stop the registration of the weapons craftsman's assignment, Duan Ling Tian sent a voice transmission to stop her.

The beautiful woman nodded, and she looked at Duan Ling Tian after she finished, then said via voice transmission, "Respected Lord Grade Four Weapons Craftsman, the Guild Master has instructed that if you come, I should directly invite you over to see him."

"Mmm." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

Under the lead of the beautiful woman, Duan Ling Tian once again arrived at the third floor of the Weapons Craftsmen Guild's Main Guild.

"Lord Guild Master, the Lord Grade Four Weapons Craftsman has arrived." The beautiful woman stood before the staircase and spoke respectfully towards inside the room.

Unlike the last time, a voice didn't sound out from within this time.

Whoosh!

A figure that was like the wind arrived before the door and pulled open the curtain.

"Master, please come in." The old man that pulled open the curtain was precisely the Guild Master of the Weapons Craftsmen Guild, Luo Rong.

Presently, Luo Rong was looking respectfully and reverently at Duan Ling Tian.

The beautiful woman's delicate figure trembled when she saw this scene.

Even though she was mentally prepared since long ago, she had never expected that their Lord Guild Master would actually be so humble before this Lord Grade Four Weapons Craftsman.

After all, even if he met the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Emperor, their Guild Master would only nod lightly.

Duan Ling Tian nodded and walked in.

"You can leave." Luo Rong instructed the beautiful woman before turning around and following Duan Ling Tian.

"Guild Master Luo, did you find the things I asked you to find?"

Duan Ling Tian stopped his steps and turned around to look at Luo Rong.

"I was fortunate enough to not fail." Luo Rong nodded, and excitement that was difficult to restrain appeared on his face.

During this month, he'd practically used the entire network of relationships he possessed.

In the end, he finally completely gathered all the materials three days ago.

He still remembered how fast his heart beat at that moment.

That was excitement.

Because, by gathering all these materials, he would be able to witness the birth of a grade four spirit weapon with his own two eyes.

This was a dream to him.

Duan Ling Tian nodded then received the materials from Luo Rong before withdrawing his own Violet Myrtle Flexible Sword.

"Little Gold, your sword." Duan Ling Tian looked at the little gold mouse on his shoulder.

"Hmm?" Duan Ling Tian suddenly speaking caused Luo Rong to be unable to help himself from being stunned, and his gaze descended onto the little gold mouse along with this.

When Duan Ling Tian had come the last time, his Spiritual Force had noticed that this little gold mouse wasn't simple, and he knew that it was a demon beast.

As for the little gold mouse's specific cultivation, he didn't know it.

After all, he couldn't compare to Duan Ling Tian.

Besides being able to use his Spiritual Force to detect another's cultivation, Duan Ling Tian was also able to rely on the lifetime worth of experience of the Rebirth Martial Emperor to infer the person's cultivation.

Luo Rong was completely dumbstruck when he saw a pocket-sized spirit sword appear with a raise of the little gold mouse's claw.

Suck a small spirit sword was something that he knew was impossible for himself to refine.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse excitedly passed the spirit sword over to Duan Ling Tian, and her pair of jade green eyes were filled with anticipation.

"Ma... Master, you refined this spirit sword?" Luo Rong fiercely gulped down a mouthful of saliva, and asked Duan Ling Tian with slight hesitation.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded, then he casually put the little gold mouse's pocket-sized spirit sword with his own Violet Myrtle Flexible Sword.

"Master, what grade is this spirit sword?" As far as Luo Rong was concerned, even if it was only a grade nine spirit sword, such a small spirit sword was already shocking.

After all, there were very few weapons craftsmen that were able to refine such a small spirit sword.

At least, even if he tried, it would be impossible for him to refine such a small grade nine spirit sword.

"Grade five spirit sword." After Duan Ling Tian answered Luo Rong, his expression turned serious. "I'm going to start refining... Watch carefully."

As soon as he finished speaking, a strand of blue flames blazed in Duan Ling Tian's hand.

Grade four Weapon Flame!

The grade four Weapon Flame was raging and restless, and in the blink of an eye, it melted the Violet Myrtle Flexible Sword and the

pocket-sized spirit sword into liquid that combined together.

Luo Rong took a deep breath and watched with utmost concentration.

At this moment, his feeling surged extremely.

Grade five spirit sword?

That small spirit sword was actually a grade five spirit sword!

"According to the Dao of weapons refinement that I understand, even a grade one Weapons Craftsman might not be able to refine such a small grade five spirit sword... Where exactly did this Master learn his weapons refinement technique?" Luo Rong's heartbeat grew quicker and quicker.

Fortunately, his cultivation was profound.

Otherwise, if it was an ordinary old man, the old man would have probably been shocked to the point his heart stopped since long ago.

Chapter 518: Top Grade Amongst The Top Grade

After the pile of materials Duan Ling Tian withdrew combined with the few types of materials that Luo Rong had prepared.

Hiss!

The grade four Weapon Flame rose explosively to melt all the materials into liquid and fused them together.

Not only that, under Duan Ling Tian's urging, the liquid formed from the melted materials fused with the material formed from the two melted spirit swords, and they slowly combined together, attempting to fuse.

But the fusing of these two pools of liquids was obviously slightly difficult.

"How could these possible fuse together...?" Luo Rong frowned when he saw Duan Ling Tian's actions.

The scene before him was completely going against all the knowledge he had of the Dao of weapons refinement.

According to his knowledge, the Dao of weapons refinement's biggest taboo was being greedy for success and rushing like this to combine the liquids formed from materials and liquids from

existing spirit weapons.

If it was him, and he wanted to advance a grade seven spirit weapon to a grade six spirit weapon.

The first step he would need to do was to melt the grade seven spirit weapon into liquid, then try his best to remove the impurities within it.

Otherwise, it would be almost impossible for the liquids formed from the spirit weapon to fuse with the liquid formed from the materials.

Because the impurities were too many and it would affect the fusing.

However, after a short moment, Luo Rong was dumbstruck.

Because he clearly saw that Duan Ling Tian had really fused the two types of liquids together, and Duan Ling Tian didn't remove the impurities within the grade five spirit sword beforehand.

"How could this be possible?!" Luo Rong revealed a shocked expression.

The scene before him had completely overturned his knowledge towards the Dao of weapons refinement!

If he didn't see it with his own eyes, he wouldn't dare believe that someone was able to do this.

Along with the passage of time, the shock on Luo Rong's face eased up.

However, Luo Rong's shock hadn't even had the time to fade away when his expression flushed red...

Because Duan Ling Tian had already started refining now.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

...

Perhaps it was for the sake of taking care of Luo Rong, Duan Ling Tian intentionally slowed down his speed of refinement.

Extremely profound weapons refinement techniques came easily in Duan Ling Tian's hands.

But even if Duan Ling Tian intentionally slowed down, Luo Rong still saw things in a blur.

"Miraculous! Miraculous! Too miraculous!" At this moment, Luo Rong was almost able to hear the sounds of his heartbeat.

Such a profound weapons refinement technique was something that he'd never seen or heard of...

He suddenly felt when compared to the weapons refinement technique that this young man possessed, the weapons refinement technique he mastered was simply inferior to trash.

"Looks like the inheritance of the Dao of weapons refinement that this Master has obtained isn't simple." Luo Rong thought to himself.

As far as he was concerned, this young man was able to possess such ability in weapons refinement at such a young age was surely because he had a great teacher behind him.

Whereas that great teacher was at least an existence that was a grade three Weapons Craftsman or above!

"Perhaps, the teacher of this Master in the Dao of weapons refinement is from the Foreign Lands." When he thought up to here, Luo Rong's heart shook.

The reverence in the depths of his gaze grew...

Time silently flowed by.

Because of having to take care of Luo Rong, Duan Ling Tian intentionally slowed down.

An entire three hours passed before Duan Ling Tian split the liquid that had completely fused perfectly into one and was leaping about on his Weapon Flame into two pools.

One of these pools was extremely small.

"Master wants to refine two grade four spirit swords?" Luo Rong felt himself go slightly numb, it was as if anything that happened in the hands of the young man before him wasn't worth being surprised about.

Refining two grade four spirit weapons at the same time...

He didn't know how to describe the young man before him.

Luo Rong's guess was correct.

Duan Ling Tian was precisely intending to refine two grade four spirit swords at the same time.

One for him and one for the little gold mouse.

With a raise of his hand, the two pools of liquids gradually compressed into form...

His profound weapons crafting technique appeared once more.

One hour later, two sword embryos had shown their preliminary form, and they emitted strands of fierce aura.

That was the sword's sharp aura!

"The spirit swords haven't even been completed, yet they're already extending out such an aura... Looks like the amplification ability of the spirit swords that Master is about to refine is extremely extraordinary." As a grade six Weapons Craftsman and the Guild Master of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Weapons Craftsmen Guild, Luo Rong naturally knew the reason such phenomenon appeared. "I'm afraid these two grade four spirit swords that Master is refining will be able to amplify strength by at least 59%!"

A grade four spirit sword that could provide an amplification of 59% could be considered to be top grade.

Of course, this top grade was towards grade four spirit swords.

Ordinary grade four spirit swords were at most able to amplify strength by 57% or 58%.

Whereas grade four spirit swords that were at the top grade were instead able to amplify strength by 59%.

Profound weapons refinement techniques came easily in Duan Ling Tian's hands and continued without end.

His speed grew swifter and swifter!

This caused Luo Rong to be unable to refrain from smiling bitterly.

Now, he was already completely unable to catch a trace of Duan Ling Tian's weapons refinement technique.

Of course, he knew that Duan Ling Tian had to speed up now.

Otherwise, it would be difficult for the sword embryo to truly take form.

Another hour passed.

The two sword embryos had finally taken form, and the fierce aura that was emitted from them was even more pure.

After the sword embryos were formed, the follow-up refinement became easy.

After an hour, Duan Ling Tian successfully refined two grade four spirit swords.

One was a dark violet colored conventional spirit sword, the other was a dark violet pocket-size spirit sword.

"Little Gold!" With a raise of his hand, Duan Ling Tian tossed the pocket-size spirit sword to Little Gold and smiled. "Try it."

"Squeak squeak~" When Duan Ling Tian was refining, the little gold mouse didn't dare make a noise and disturb him, and she was extremely bored since long ago.

Now, when she received the pocket-sized spirit sword, she jumped for joy.

"Squeak!!" The little gold mouse emitted a sharp cry, and a lifelike ancient horned dragon appeared above her and slowly coiled downwards.

"The strength of one ancient horned dragon?" Luo Rong's pupils constricted.

Never had he imagined that this little gold mouse was actually a seventh level Void Prying Stage demon beast.

It was entirely impossible to discern from only outward appearance.

In the next moment, his pupils that had constricted tightly hadn't even had the time to ease up when his face was covered in shock.

Heaven!

What had he seen!

In the sky, the ancient mammoth silhouettes that appeared around the ancient horned dragon silhouette grew more and more numerous....

1,000.

2,000.

3,000.

...

When it arrived at 5,000, it still increased endlessly.

In the end, the number of ancient mammoth silhouettes was fixed at 6,000!

With the strength of one ancient horned dragon as the foundation, an amplification of the strength of 6,000 ancient mammoths?

"6... 60% amplification..." Luo Rong had a dumbstruck expression as he muttered.

He naturally knew clearly what a grade four spirit sword that provided an amplification of 50% meant.

If it was said that a grade four spirit sword that provided an amplification of 59% was top grade amongst grade four spirit swords...

Then a grade four spirit sword that provided an amplification of 60% was top grade amongst top grade!

"Squeak squeak~" After the little gold mouse experienced the might of the grade four spirit sword, her pair of jade green eyes flickered with a sheen of excitement that was difficult to fade after a long time.

"Mmm, not too bad." Duan Ling Tian nodded and wasn't too pleasantly surprised.

Refining a grade four spirit sword that could provide a 60% amplification wasn't surprising to him.

After all, he completely followed according to the Rebirth Martial Emperor's weapons refinement technique when refining the grade four spirit sword earlier, and it was not much different to Rebirth Martial Emperor himself refining it.

If one were to speak about a difference, then it would be that Duan Ling Tian's current Weapon Flame was far inferior to the

Rebirth Martial Emperor possessed at his peak.

Rebirth Martial Emperor's Weapon Flame at the peak was a Royal Grade Weapon Flame!

Royal Grade Weapon Flame that was able to refine Royal Grade Spirit Weapons.

"Royal Grade Spirit Weapon... I wonder how much time I must spend before being able to refine it?" Duan Ling Tian sighed to himself.

According to the memories of the Rebirth Martial Emperor, if one wanted to condense a Quasi-Royal Grade Weapon Flame and refine a Quasi-Royal Grade Spirit Weapon, then one's cultivation must attain the Martial Monarch Stage...

The Martial Monarch Stage was a stage that transcended the Void Transformation Stage.

Whereas if one wanted to condense a Royal Grade Weapon Flame and refine a Royal Grade Spirit Weapon, then one's cultivation must have attained the Martial Emperor Stage!

"In other words, only after I become a Martial Emperor would I be able to condense a Royal Grade Weapon Flame and refine a Royal Grade Spirit Weapon." Duan Ling Tian shook his head as he thought in his heart.

By the time he became a Martial Emperor, he didn't know what year it would be.

"But..." Suddenly, seeming to have recalled something, Duan Ling Tian's gaze lit up. "When the Rebirth Martial Emperor's second lifetime underwent rebirth, the great treasure-trove that he originally intended to leave for his third lifetime contains quite a few Royal Grade Spirit Weapons!"

"Once I arrive at the Foreign Lands and follow along the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memories to take out that great treasure-trove, I'll be able to obtain a Royal Grade Spirit Weapon!" When he thought up to here, Duan Ling Tian felt a wave of excitement.

Royal Grade Spirit Weapon...

The strength amplified by a Royal Grade Spirit Weapon was more than double of the user's strength!

After all, a grade one spirit weapon was already able to amplify strength by around 90%.

Whereas a Quasi-Royal Grade Spirit Weapon was able to amplify one's strength by 100%.

"Guild Master Luo, how much did you see clearly earlier?" After Duan Ling Tian put away the other grade four spirit sword, he looked at Luo Rong and asked.

But he quickly noticed that Luo Rong was in a daze.

"Mmm, not bad?" Luo Rong was stunned on the spot, and the corners of his mouth twitched intensely as he recalled what Duan Ling Tian said causally earlier in his mind.

Refining a grade four spirit sword that provided a 60% amplification and could be called top grade amongst the top grade.

It was only not bad?

He even wondered if this young man said this to intentionally anger others.

"Guild Master Luo." Luo Rong only recovered from his shock after Duan Ling Tian called out a second time, and he said fearfully, "Master, is there something you need?"

Luo Rong was even more respectful when facing Duan Ling Tian after witnessing Duan Ling Tian's weapons refinement ability with his own two eyes.

"It's nothing... I just wanted to ask you, how much did you see clearly of my weapons refinement technique from before?" Duan Ling Tian repeated his question.

Luo Rong smiled bitterly when he heard this. "Master, forgive Luo Rong for being slow-witted and was unable to follow your actions."

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

Luo Rong's reply was within his expectations.

"How about this... I'll come here once a month in the future and pass down some weapons refinement techniques to you," Duan Ling Tian said to Luo Rong.

Since Luo Rong had helped him gather the materials, he would naturally keep his promise and help Luo Rong become a grade five weapons craftsman.

"Thank you, Master!" Luo Rong's eyes lit up.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian spent an afternoon's worth of time guiding Luo Rong...

When dusk arrived and when he saw Luo Rong was still pondering deeply, Duan Ling Tian silently left the Weapons Craftsmen Main Guild.

"Little Gold, get ready... Someone has sent himself over to offer sacrifice to your sword." After Duan Ling Tian passed through a few streets, the corners of his mouth curled into a cold smile.

He'd noticed that the ninth level Void Prying Stage martial artist was following him again.

Chapter 519: Experience Mission

The azure clothed middle aged man looked left and right in the remote alley for a while before stepping up into the sky.

"Where is he?" The azure clothed middle aged man frowned. "This is the third time already.... Could it be that he's noticed me?"

Right at this moment, an awe-inspiring howl of the wind sounded out from behind him, it caused the azure clothed middle aged man's face to go grim, and his mind became strained.

At the same time, he heard an indifferent voice sound out from behind him.

"Are you looking for me?" Duan Ling Tian stood in the air as he looked with a calm expression at the middle aged man that turned around slowly, and he asked indifferently.

This azure clothed middle aged man was precisely the ninth level Void Prying Stage martial artist that was following him earlier.

"Duan Ling Tian, you really did notice me." The azure clothed middle aged man gasped when he saw Duan Ling Tian.

"Who exactly are you?" Duan Ling Tian wasn't surprised that the azure clothed middle aged man knew him, and his gaze abruptly became fierce.

"Little Gold, be ready to annihilate him at any moment." Duan Ling Tian's voice transmission entered into the little gold mouse's ears in a timely manner.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold nodded, then raised her claws and a spirit sword that emitted a sharp aura appeared.

It was precisely the grade four spirit sword that Duan Ling Tian had refined for her!

The azure clothed middle aged man seemed to have noticed Duan Ling Tian's hostility and he said with a bitter smile, "Don't misunderstand... I'm a member of the Dragon and Phoenix Academy! It's the Vice Dean that instructed me to protect you from the shadows."

"A member of the Dragon and Phoenix Academy?" Duan Ling Tian frowned. "Do you have proof?"

With a raise of his hand, a command token had appeared. "You ought to recognize this command token, right?"

Duan Ling Tian looked at the command token.

Duan Ling Tian had a slight impression of this command token.

"The command token of Dragon and Phoenix Academy workers is similar to this command token..." Duan Ling Tian confirmed the azure clothed middle aged man's identity.

He was a friend and not an enemy!

"Okay." After Duan Ling Tian confirmed the azure clothed middle aged man's identity, he nodded before slowly descending from the sky.

When he saw Duan Ling Tian leaving, the azure clothed middle aged man followed him down.

But he hadn't even followed him through a few streets before being shaken off by Duan Ling Tian.

"What assignment did the Vice Dean give me? This Duan Ling Tian has shaken me off repeatedly, is there any meaning in following him?" The middle aged man laughed with bitter helplessness.

The night slowly arrived, and Duan Ling Tian returned to the academy on time.

The academy's rule was that a student had a chance to go out once a month, yet they weren't allowed to spend the night.

After he returned to the Inner Hall and walked into his room, Duan Ling Tian sat down cross-legged.

He consumed a Void Condensing Pill and started cultivating...

Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique, Lightning Wyrms Form!

The Void Condensing Pill that Duan Ling Tian refined had a purity above 90% and it was far from something an ordinary Void Condensing Pill could compare to.

Under the assistance of the Void Condensing Pill and relying on Duan Ling Tian's natural talent that was at the limit, the speed the Origin Energy in his body advanced had practically arrived at an astonishing degree!

The boundless Origin Energy ceaselessly flashed about within Duan Ling Tian's body.

"According to this speed, it won't be long before I should be able to break through to the second level of the Void Prying Stage." Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Three days later.

Dawn, Duan Ling Tian was roused from his sleep by the clamorous noise outside.

"Duan Ling Tian!" Duan Ling Tian heard someone calling out to him.

He opened the door and walked into the courtyard, and he

noticed that the person who was calling out to him was Ji Feng.

"Is there something you need?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"Duan Ling Tian, the academy has issued missions for us to gain experience and tempering... Look, everybody has headed to the square at the center," said Ji Feng.

Only now did Duan Ling Tian notice that none of the group of Inner Hall students remained, and he was only in time to see numerous figures that moved into the distance.

"Let's go!" Duan Ling Tian nodded, then brought along the little gold mouse as he followed up to the other Inner Hall students with Ji Feng.

Within Dragon and Lake Academy, besides the Inner Hall and Outer Hall occupying a vast area, the square at the center occupied an extremely vast area.

Presently, many people had gathered at the square at the center.

Eight Inner Hall students stood at the foremost of these people, and the others were all Outer Hall students.

Unlike the Inner Hall students that were brimming with energy and vitality, all the Outer Hall students had bleak and dim expressions, and they seemed as if they were malnourished.

Obviously, this was related to the food and drink they normally received.

Inner Hall students received fine wine and delicacies for every meal, and it could be considered to be godly enjoyment.

Whereas Outer Hall students only had rice soup and a mantou for every meal, and it was simply the difference between heaven and earth when compared with the treatment of the Inner Hall students.

"It's Duan Ling Tian!" Someone exclaimed in surprise, causing the gazes of the group of Outer Hall students to shoot at Duan Ling Tian, and their gazes were filled with burning admiration.

Duan Ling Tian was a legendary figure of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's younger generation.

When before Duan Ling Tian, it was difficult for them to have the heart to compare themselves with him, and there was only reverence in their hearts.

Of course, a small amount of Outer Hall students had gloomy expressions.

These people were precisely the comparatively outstanding disciples of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect that were recommended to the Dragon and Phoenix Academy.

"Liu Yue?" Duan Ling Tian's gaze was quickly attracted by a figure.

The young woman before him wasn't unfamiliar to him.

A long time ago, before the Seven Star Sword Sect was annihilated, and before the Azure Forest Tri-Sect existed, he'd seen this woman at the Martial Competition of the five great sects that was held by the Demonic Lotusblade Sect.

The former Snow Moon Sect's Leader's personal disciple, Liu Yue!

When Duan Ling Tian looked at Liu Yue, Liu Yue was looking at Duan Ling Tian as well.

Liu Yue had a complicated gaze.

That day during the Martial Competition of the five great sects, Duan Ling Tian had defeated Saber Young Master, Long Yun, and it caused her to feel a wave of helplessness.

At that time, she'd secretly resolved that she would surely surpass Duan Ling Tian one day!

However, when she arrived at the academy and heard of Duan Ling Tian's strength, that heart of hers that compared herself with

Duan Ling Tian shattered into bits.

She knew that it would be difficult for her to surpass Duan Ling Tian in her entire lifetime!

"Liu Yue, when my Seven Star Sword Sect was annihilated that day... If I'm not wrong, you and the few people beside you were there at the time and had even killed many people of my Seven Star Sword Sect." Ghastly coldness appeared on the corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth, and his voice transmission pierced into Liu Yue's eardrums.

He might have no impression of the other Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciples, but Liu Yue and the few disciples by her side were all elite disciples of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect. When they joined the fray that day, countless Seven Star Sword Sect disciples had died at their hands.

A debt of blood must be repaid in blood.

So long as he found an opportunity, he would absolutely not let Liu Yue and the others off.

Whereas Liu Yu's face went pale when she heard Duan Ling Tian's voice transmission, as she was able to discern the killing intent contained within Duan Ling Tian's voice.

A trace of coldness emerged in her heart for no reason.

Ji Feng who saw Duan Ling Tian stopping to stare at Liu Yue and had recognized Liu Yue's identity as a Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciple was able to sense the smell of gunpowder between the two...

Suddenly, a figure appeared within Ji Feng's field of vision.

"Duan Ling Tian, Vice Dean Chi has arrived." Ji Feng reminded Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian returned to his senses and nodded before heading towards the other Inner Hall students.

He utterly didn't take Liu Yue seriously.

As far as he was concerned, an Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciple that had only stepped into the Half-step Void Stage yet was unable to occupy a spot in the Dragon and Phoenix Academy's Inner Hall, was unable to be of any threat to him.

When Duan Ling Tian walked into the ranks of the Inner Hall students, he was able to notice two sharp gazes looking at him at the same time.

The owners of the two gazes were respectively the Flute Fairy, Zi Yan, and Flame Young Master, Zhang Yan.

"Duan Ling Tian, I hope you don't disappoint me in the competition between geniuses ten months from now... At that

time, not only will I use Force, I'll even use a spirit weapon. I'll use my entire strength to battle you!" Zhang Yan's voice transmission entered into Duan Ling Tian's ears, and it was filled with traces of fierce hostility.

"I'll take you on to the end!" Duan Ling Tian shrugged and was indifferent.

Meanwhile, the group of Outer Hall students saw Vice Dean Chi Ming as well, and they discussed animatedly.

"I wonder what sort of experience mission the academy would issue to us."

"No matter what it is, I'll do my best... Supposedly, if we're able to obtain sufficient mission points, we're even able to exchange grade six spirit weapons, Earth Rank martial skills, and even high grade medicinal pills and spirit fruits."

"Hehe... I never considered the competition between geniuses when I came to the Dragon and Phoenix Academy in the first place. My objective is to obtain mission points and exchange it for the things I want."

"Yeah, there are supposedly only five spots for the competition between geniuses, and it isn't something we can interfere in."

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The group of Outer Hall students whispered in discussion, and it was all heard by Duan Ling Tian.

"Mission points? Exchange grade six spirit weapons, Earth Rank martial skills, and even high grade medicinal pills and spirit fruits?" Duan Ling Tian came to a sudden understanding.

No wonder the various powers of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom recommended so many people to the Dragon and Phoenix Academy.

So it turns out that most of the powers weren't interested in the martial competition, but this!

They didn't have any thoughts towards the Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties, what they really cared about was that the mission points of the Dragon and Phoenix Academy was able to be exchanged for various prizes.

Whereas the mission points were obtained from experience missions.

"There're even spirit fruits? I wonder what spirit fruits...? It would be great if it's a spirit fruit that can improve Spiritual Force, or perhaps a spirit fruit that is able to advance the cultivation of a Void Prying Stage martial artist." Duan Ling Tian was dreaming in his heart.

"Silence!" Meanwhile, the academy's Vice Dean Chi Ming had

arrived before the group of students, and he shouted out in a loud voice.

After the group of students went quiet, Chi Ming said, "In the next half a month, all of you will leave the academy and go complete an experience mission!"

Experience mission!

Everyone including Duan Ling Tian had held their breaths.

They were all curious what sort of experience mission it would be.

Chi Ming continued and said, "Recently, a band of formidable bandits of unknown origin have appeared in the Blackwind Ridge that's east of our Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial City."

"Many small towns and villages surrounding Blackwind Ridge have been tormented and have been tragically plunged into misery and suffering. Your mission is to be responsible for wiping out these bandits and allow the small towns around Blackwind Ridge that survived to avoid suffering the same fate!" Chi Ming finished speaking with a single breath.

"Bandits?" Duan Ling Tian's face sank slightly.

When he was gaining experience and tempering himself before, what he loathed the most were bandits.

Those bandits were utterly devoid of a conscience, and would frequently annihilate an entire town or village.

So every time he encountered them, he would teach them a lesson.

"So it's bandits." Chi Ming's words caused many people to heave a sigh of relief.

As far as they were concerned, how strong could mere bandits be?

There was no lack of existences at the Void Prying Stage amongst them.

Wasn't killing a few bandits extremely easy?

"Hmph!" Chi Ming seemed to have discerned the thoughts of this group of students, and he grunted coldly. "Don't look down on these bandits... According to my knowledge, there are no less than 10 existences at the Void Prying Stage amongst these bandits!"

Chapter 520: Void Refining Fruit

No less than 10 bandits at the Void Prying Stage?

As soon as Chi Ming finished speaking, no matter if it was Outer Hall students, or Inner Hall students, all the academy students became serious in expression.

Duan Ling Tian's expression became serious as well.

"Vice Dean Chi, since those bandits are so formidable, then why didn't our Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom directly send out the army to exterminate them?" Crazy Young master, Luo Zhan, asked in a deep voice.

"Army?" Chi Ming shook his head. "According to my knowledge, the weakest amongst that band of bandits are existences at the Nascent Soul Stage... Moreover, they're extremely skilled in concealment and have completely taken Blackwind Ridge to be their home."

"So, the army is completely unable to deal with them! Originally, his Majesty was prepared to send out experts to exterminate them, but in the end, his Majesty thought of all of you, then intended to hand over this mission to all of you." As he finished speaking, Chi Ming's gaze abruptly lit up. "During this mission, besides being able to exchange for various rare and valuable items after your mission points have arrived at a certain level... Due to the difficulty of the mission this time, his Majesty has prepared an additional reward for the person whose mission points are ranked number

one during this mission!"

"Additional reward?" Chi Ming's words caused the eyes of all the Void Prying Stage Inner Hall disciples, including Duan Ling Tian, to light up.

Because, they had the best chance of obtaining the highest amount of points in the mission this time.

After all, their strengths were the strongest.

"That additional reward is a Void Refining Fruit."

Void Refining Fruit!

Chi Ming's voice had only just sounded out when the expressions of everyone was filled with shock.

A Void Refining Fruit was a spirit fruit that was extremely difficult to come by, and it was able to greatly increase the cultivation of a Void Prying Stage martial artist.

Supposedly, once a ninth level Void Prying Stage martial artist that had comprehend Concept consumed a Void Refining Fruit, the martial artist would be able to break through to the Void Initiation Stage within a short period of time!

If an ordinary Void Prying Stage martial artist consumed it, the

martial artist would at least break through a level within a short period of time, and those with good natural talent were even able to break through two levels within a short period of time.

The eyes all the Outer Hall students went red with desire, but they knew that no matter how good the Void Refining Fruit was, it wasn't something that they could have a hand in.

"Void Refining Fruit!" Duan Ling Tian's breathing became hurried.

He never expected that the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Emperor would be so generous and give out a Void Refining Fruit as the additional reward for the person with the highest points during the experiences mission this time.

"Number one!" The eyes of Crazy Young Master, Luo Zhan, and Sword Young Master, Chen Shao Shuai, were filled with yearning.

Number one, there were determined to obtain it!

"The first is surely mine." Flame Young Master, Zhang Yan's, eyes narrowed as he clenched his fists tightly.

As the third son of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Emperor, Zhang Yan naturally knew that the Imperial Family had obtained a Void Refining Fruit not too long ago...

If it was any ordinary time, that Void Refining Fruit would surely

be his, but, it just so happened that he'd run into the Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties.

Although the young geniuses of their Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom might not be able to kill their way into the Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties.

But, even if they were able to smoothly advance in the Darkstone Empire, their Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom would surely obtain awards from the Darkstone Empire...

It was precisely because of this that they took out the Void Refining Fruit to become the additional reward for the first experience mission of the Dragon and Phoenix Academy!

This was something that he'd known of since long ago, and he didn't blame his Imperial Father for it.

Because he knew that his Imperial Father had done this all for the sake of the bigger picture.

What he needed to do now was to rely on his own strength and seize first in the mission this time.

In this way, he would be able to obtain the Void Refining Fruit in a perfectly justifiable manner.

Once he obtained the Void Refining Fruit, he would be able to directly break through to the third level of the Void Prying Stage

and even be able to charge towards the fourth level of the Void Prying Stage in a short amount of time...

At that time, he would perhaps be able to become eminent in Darkstone Empire, and ascend the stage of the Darkhan Dynasty.

Just thinking about it caused him to feel a wave of excitement.

"Number one... I must obtain number one in the mission this time!" Chai Jin took a deep breath, and his eyes flickered with a grim light.

His gaze imperceptibly descended onto Duan Ling Tian, and it flickered with slight ruthlessness. "Once I obtain that Void Refining Fruit, my cultivation will break through in a short amount of time! At that time, I'll fully return all the humiliation that this Duan Ling Tian gave me."

"This first is mine!" Duan Ling Tian didn't notice Chai Jin's gaze.

At this moment, his eyes were similarly filled with yearning.

So long as he obtained the Void Refining Fruit, his cultivation would be able to swiftly advance in a short amount of time, and this had always been something he eagerly wished for.

"My goal now is to break through to the Void Initiation Stage as soon as possible! At that time, I'll be able to use that jade sword, the key to the Sword Monarch's Treasure to contact the other

eight people and open the Sword Monarch's Treasure together." Duan Ling Tian had made a plan for his future.

He had the feeling that the Sword Monarch's Treasure would be a turning point for him.

"Presently, the Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties is only four years away... If I don't have a great fortuitous encounter during these four years, it would be extremely difficult for me to go against the most outstanding geniuses in the younger generation of the various Dynasties!" This was something that Duan Ling Tian already knew.

There was no need to go so far, just that Big Brother Zhang of his, Zhang Shou Yong, had already broken through to the fourth level of the Void Initiation Stage one year ago and had even comprehended fifth level Earth Concept.

If he cultivated according to routine, then not to mention four years, even if he was give five or six years, he might not be able to catch up to Zhang Shou Yong.

So he needed a turning point now; he needed a fortuitous encounter.

A fortuitous encounter could be a spirit fruit, and it could be other things.

"Vice Dean Chi, how are the points during the mission this time

counted?" Duan Ling Tian looked at Chi Ming and asked curiously.

"During the mission this time, all of you will obtain different points based on the targets you kill... Bandits below the seventh level of the Nascent Soul Stage are worth 1 point. Bandits at the seventh level of the Nascent Soul Stage are worth 2 points. Bandits at the eighth level of the Nascent Soul Stage are worth 3 points. Bandits at the ninth level of the Nascent Soul Stage are worth 5 points."

"Bandits at the Half-step Void Stage are worth 8 points. Bandits at the first level of the Void Prying Stage are worth 15 points. Bandits at the second level of the Void Prying Stage are worth 30 points. Bandits at the third level of the Void Prying Stage are worth 50 points." As he spoke up to here, Chi Ming stopped for a moment before continuing. "Killing a bandit at the fourth level of the Void Prying Stage or above is worth 200 points!"

Chi Ming's words caused all the students present to go silent, and this included the few Void Prying Stage Inner Hall students including Duan Ling Tian.

The group of Outer Hall students drooped their heads and were low in spirits.

They knew that the highest points in the mission this time were bound to be unrelated to them.

"Even if it's a bandit at the Half-step Void Stage, it's only worth 8 points." Many people shook their heads and sighed.

"Vice Dean Chi, what you mean is... Amongst the ten plus Void Prying Stage bandits, there's an existence at the fourth level of the Void Prying Stage or above?" Crazy Young Master, Luo Zhan, frowned as he asked.

Chi Ming nodded. "According to the intelligence we received... The leader of that group of bandits is a fourth level Void Prying Stage martial artist! His strength is also the strongest amongst all the bandits."

"Fourth level Void Prying Stage?" Chi Ming's words caused all the Inner Hall students including Duan Ling Tian that were at the Void Prying Stage to be unable to refrain from laughing bitterly.

Fourth level Void Prying Stage?

How would they kill the bandit?

Seeming to have discerned the helplessness of Duan Ling Tian and the others, Chi Ming continued. "If you really encounter bandits that all of you are unable to defeat on your own, all of you can choose to work together! But, once you work together, it would also mean that you will share the points equally."

Share the points equally?

Chi Ming's words caused the few Void Prying Stage Inner Hall students to be unable to refrain from frowning.

Once the points were shared equally, it would also mean that the person who joined forces with them would be on the same starting line as them.

They would not have any advantage.

"If it isn't necessary, then I'll absolutely not join forces!" All the Void Prying Stage Inner Hall students including Duan Ling Tian said to themselves.

"During the mission this time, you can choose to hunt bandits by yourself, or you can choose to form a small team with others... But, once you form a small team, the points obtained from hunting bandits will be considered as team points, and it's to be freely distributed by the members of the team." Chi Ming continued.

Besides Duan Ling Tian and the other Void Prying Stage Inner Hall students remaining indifferent when they heard Chi Ming's words, the gazes of most people lit up.

"Sima, let's join forces. How about it?" Ji Feng looked at Sima Yang and suggested.

"Split the points equally," said Sima Yang.

"Deal!" Ji Feng didn't hesitate to agree.

He and Sima Yang were both at the Half-step Void Stage and had equal strengths, no one was taking advantage of the other.

Meanwhile, many Outer Hall students started to form small teams.

"Besides that... During the mission this time, there will be someone counting your score from the shadows throughout the duration of the mission, so don't think about cheating! Also, besides spirit weapons, you're not allowed to rely on the assistance of any other external source of strength." Chi Ming added.

Most people had no objections towards this.

External sources of strength?

Duan Ling Tian's brows raised as he thought to himself. "In this way, Little Gold would at most be able to execute her soul skill, Soul Shaker, to help me. After all, if she attacks directly, it would be equivalent to relying on the assistance of an external source of strength besides a spirit weapon."

As for the soul skill, Soul Shake, unless it was an Inscription Master, otherwise, it was almost impossible for someone to sense that Little Gold had utilized her Spiritual Force to attack.

"Alright... All of you go prepare and leave after lunch at noon!" After he finished speaking, Chi Ming left.

Whereas Duan Ling Tian, Crazy Young master, and Sword Young Master left after him and returned to the Inner Hall.

As for Flame Young Master, Zhang Yan, he took large strides towards the beautiful young woman, Flute Fairy. "Zi Yan, I'm determined to obtain that Void Refining Fruit... Forgive me for being unable to form a small team with you." Zhang Yan's words contained a slight apologetic tone mixed within.

"Hmph!" Flute Fairy grunted lightly, and said with slight detest, "Even if you wanted to form a small team with me, I would be unwilling."

After she finished speaking, she paid no further attention to Zhang Yan before turning around and leaving.

Even if Flute Fairy's expression towards him wasn't good, Zhang Yan's face still had a smile on it, and his eyes were filled with infatuation as he looked at Flute Fairy's beautiful figure vanishing into the distance.

"Zi Yan, one day, I'll make you fall in love with me," Zhang Yan said in his heart.

"You make a trip to the inn and notify the two Guardian Elders about the experience mission this time." In a corner, Liu Yue ordered.

An Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciple agreed before leaving, then

headed towards the direction of the academy gate.

Liu Yue's eyes gradually narrowed as a cold light flashed within. "Duan Ling Tian, you're bound to die in Blackwind Ridge this time!"

Chapter 521: Ninth Leader

A morning quickly passed by.

At noon, after he finished eating the fine wine and delicacies brought over by the academy workers, Duan Ling Tian left his courtyard.

"Squeak squeak~" The chubby little gold mouse lay on Duan Ling Tian's shoulder with a round stomach.

In next to no time, the Inner Hall students walked out of their courtyards successively.

At the center square of the Dragon and Phoenix Academy, the ten Inner Hall students and the group of Outer Hall students had gathered together once more.

"Depart!" The Vice Dean, Chi Ming, personally led the group of students to leave the academy.

Blackwind Ridge was situated not far away to the east of the Imperial City.

The group of Dragon and Phoenix Academy students that dashed like the wind only spent an hour before arriving around Blackwind Ridge.

"It's best if all of you act within the limits of your ability in Blackwind Ridge... If you encounter bandits that you're unable to go against and face imminent death, there will be someone who will save you! Those that are saved will be taken to have failed in the mission, and their points will be zero." Chi Ming had a serious expression as he spoke.

This was him announcing the final rule.

Zero points?

The group of Dragon and Phoenix Academy students couldn't help but shiver.

"Alright, everyone split up now!" Along with Chi Ming's loud shout, the group of Dragon and Phoenix Academy students swarmed into the Blackwind Ridge like bees.

Amongst these people, there were lone wolves and there were many small teams.

Duan Ling Tian followed behind everyone and entered into Blackwind Ridge.

"Eh?" Right at this moment, Duan Ling Tian was able to clearly notice that after the group of academy students entered Blackwind Ridge, the group of martial artists at the Void Prying Stage and above followed up to them.

These Void Prying Stage martial artists were obvious in-charge of recording the score and protecting the group of Dragon and Phoenix Academy students.

"The hidden resources and reserves of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial Family are shocking... There are at least almost 100 people when all these Void Prying Stage martial artists are added up, right?" Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but be astounded.

Although these Void Prying Stage martial artists were mostly only at the first, second, and third level, their number was still shocking.

After entering Blackwind Ridge, the group of academy students split up themselves.

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian headed deeper into Blackwind Ridge by himself.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian was able to notice that there was only one person remaining behind him.

Moreover, this person wasn't unfamiliar to Duan Ling Tian.

It was precisely the Dragon and Phoenix Academy's Vice Dean, Chi Ming!

"I never imagined that I had such high standing... Vice Dean Chi

is actually personally recording my score." Duan Ling Tian was slightly overwhelmed by the sudden favor.

Of course, he knew clearly in his heart that besides recording his score, the reason this Chi Ming was following him was mostly for the sake of protecting him.

After all, the natural talent and strength he'd revealed now ought to have already obtained the attention of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial Family...

Whereas Chi Ming would probably not let anything happen to him before he participated in the competition of geniuses.

If it wasn't for this, Chi Ming wouldn't have sent someone to protect him from the shadows when he left the academy earlier.

Whirlwind!

Duan Ling Tian's figure flashed out at full speed, and he entered deep into Blackwind Ridge in the blink of an eye.

It wasn't long before Duan Ling Tian discovered a small lake.

"There are actually lakes in Blackwind Ridge?" Duan Ling Tian was slightly surprised.

Along with Duan Ling Tian soaring up into the sky and looking

down and a large area beneath his feet, he instead noticed that besides the lake that he'd noticed, there wasn't a second lake anywhere within the vicinity of this area.

"Those bandits are concealed in Blackwind Ridge. Normally, they wouldn't be able to do without replenishing their food." Duan Ling Tian thought in his heart. "Water is a necessity to them!"

When he thought up to here, Duan Ling Tian plunged down and concealed himself behind an enormous rock that was behind the lake.

Hide and wait!

It was Duan Ling Tian's current plan.

"Squeak squeak~" When the little gold mouse saw Duan Ling Tian leaning on a rock and resting, she couldn't help but ask curiously via voice transmission. "Big Brother Ling Tian, what're you hiding here for?"

"Little Gold, I'm waiting for those bandits to arrive." Duan Ling Tian smiled.

"Waiting for the bandits to arrive?" The little gold mouse was slightly puzzled, and her pair of jade green eyes were filled with a perplexed expression. "Big Brother Ling Tian, you're not going to look for those bandits... Could it be that those bandits will come over by themselves?"

Duan Ling Tian smiled. "Little Gold, Blackwind Ridge occupies a vast area. Even if I search everywhere, I'll at least need to spend one or two months of time to completely search it... Moreover, those bandits are extremely cunning, and they might not stay at the same place all the time."

"Whereas this place... So long as there are bandits concealed nearby, they will surely come here." Duan Ling Tian finished speaking with a single breath.

"Why?" The little gold mouse still didn't understand. "Big brother Ling Tian, why are you so sure they will surely come?"

"You'll know extremely soon." Duan Ling Tian smiled mysteriously, and he hid behind the rock while looking at the movement in the surroundings of the nearby lake.

Time silently flowed by.

At dusk, the sky was fully crimson, causing the entire Blackwind Ridge to seem as if it had transformed into a sea of flames.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse lay on Duan Ling Tian's shoulder drowsily, and she said slightly impatiently, "Big Brother Ling Tian, how much longer must we wait?"

"You little fellow... They've come!" Duan Ling Tian wasn't able to finish speaking to the little gold mouse when he noticed some

movement ahead.

After a short moment, three burly middle aged men walked out from the nearby bushes to arrive nearby the small lake.

"F**k! I'm thirsty to death!" A middle aged man stood before the lake and stretched out his hand scoop up some water before pouring it into his mouth.

The other two people took out some water canteens to gather water.

"Ninth Leader is too cautious... Our brothers were all thirsty to death since the morning, yet he didn't allow us to come out and gather water, and he insisted on it being dusk and almost night before allowing us to come out." Another middle aged man grumbled.

"Alright, don't grumble anymore... Ninth Leader did this because he was worried that the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial Family would send people over. Only by being cautious will our brothers be able to live long," said the last middle aged man.

"Quickly finish gather the water and we'll leave!" In next to no time, the three middle aged men gathered the water and intended to leave.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse lightly cried out by Duan Ling Tian's ear.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, you want to let them leave?" The little gold mouse asked via voice transmission.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded, then he silently followed them.

These three people were only ninth level Nascent Soul Stage martial artists, and if he wanted to kill them, he would be able to kill them all in the blink of an eye.

Now, Duan Ling Tian was following them precisely because he wanted to find where they concealed themselves.

Duan Ling Tian followed behind the three of them, yet the three of them didn't notice in the slightest and chatted amongst themselves.

"I heard Seventh Leader brought along over 10 brothers and slaughtered two villages during these past few days, and he'd even seized many women... It's truly enviable." A middle aged man spoke as he drooled, and his eyes flickered with a sheen of lust.

"If I knew earlier, I'd have followed Seventh Leader at that time... Although Ninth Leader is loyal, he has been busy breaking through lately, and it's been an extremely long time since he brought our brothers to leave Blackwind Ridge to raid homes and plunder houses." Another middle aged man sighed.

"Alas... I haven't savored the taste of a woman for half a month.

But when I recall that woman from half a month ago, it was truly satisfying... Unfortunately, her temper was too violent and she took her own life after being played with me once! Back luck." As the last middle aged man finished speaking, he had an expression of pity.

"You still have the nerve to say that? You killed her husband and son before her eyes, it would be weird if she didn't take her own life!"

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Duan Ling Tian followed behind these three people and heard the three of them ceaselessly speaking about their own glorious deeds.

Unknowingly, Duan Ling Tian's fists were already clenched tightly, and his eyes even flickered with frightful cold light.

Now, he wished for nothing more than to directly kill these three people.

But he still endured it in the end.

"Based on what they said, they have a total of nine leaders... In other words, this bandit group had a total of nine bandits in-charge? Now, they're divided into nine groups that are scattered around Blackwind Ridge?" Duan Ling Tian found out some information from the conversation of the three.

"Ninth Leader is at the first level of the Void Prying Stage?" The corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth curled into an evil expression. "I never expected that it's only the first day I've arrived at Blackwind Ridge, yet I've encountered a big fish!"

"Little Gold." Duan Ling Tian looked at the little gold mouse that was burning with eagerness on his shoulder, then warned. "Don't interfere when I make a move later... Otherwise, don't think of eating meat in the future!"

Duan Ling Tian's words caused the Duan Ling Tian to be like a deflated rubber ball, she drooped her little head as she said via voice transmission, "Then I'll go to sleep."

The little gold mouse did as she said, she grabbed tightly onto the clothes on Duan Ling Tian's shoulder, and fell asleep in next to no time.

This caused Duan Ling Tian to be speechless.

"This Little Gold is similar to Little Black and Little White, they're simply like the reincarnation of pigs." Duan Ling Tian shook his head and smiled bitterly.

Duan Ling Tian's gaze become slightly distant when he thought of the two little pythons. "I wonder how Little Black and Little White are now...?"

Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian's thoughts were pulled back to reality.

Because the bandits that he'd followed all the way had returned to their hiding spot.

This place was an inconspicuous gorge.

The entrance was only a single line that was extremely narrow and was merely able to accommodate one person entering sideways.

After the three bandits entered, Duan Ling Tian followed in and concealed himself nearby.

"Ninth Leader, we've returned!" After the three bandits entered the gorge, they shouted out loudly.

"Water! Water!" Instantly, the group of bandits swarmed over to receive the water from the three bandits before fiercely taking a mouthful.

"You didn't notice anything off, right?" Right at this moment, a voice that was like muffled thunder abruptly sounded out, and it resounded within the gorge.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian, who was concealed on the large tree that was at the side of the entrance to the gorge, noticed that a robust man that wore worn-out armor walked out from the wooden house in the gorge.

The robust man had dense brows and large eyes, there were three saber scars on his face that were like three centipedes.

The most hideous scar started from below his eyes, and it was just a little bit away from crippling his eye.

"No... Ninth Leader, water." One of the three bandits that went to gather water walked out and respectfully passed over a water canteen.

"That's good." The robust man nodded, then received the water before starting to drink with large gulps.

After he finished drinking, he tossed the water canteen to the side, then turned around and looked at the bandits under his command.

"Brothers, I'll be able to break through in three days at most! At that time, I'll bring all of you along to go around to see blood and play with women!"

Chapter 522: Slaughter

Coldness appeared on the corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth when he heard the words of the bandit's Ninth Leader.

Breakthrough in three days at most?

In other words, this Ninth Leader of the bandits was still a first level Void Prying Stage martial artist now.

Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force stretched out and detected the amount of bandits in the gorge at the first possible moment.

There were an entire 30 plus people, and the Ninth Leader was the strongest amongst them.

The Ninth Leader was the one and only Void Prying Stage martial artist amongst the 30 plus people.

Whoosh!

After he finished detecting them, Duan Ling Tian's figure moved to descend from the tree and completely exposed himself before the band of bandits.

Whereas when the band of bandits saw an unfamiliar person had suddenly appeared in the gorge they hid within, and it was even a young man, they were all dumbstruck.

"Kid, where did you come from?" A bandit shot his gaze at Duan Ling Tian then asked with a low voice.

"He's probably some Young Master that came to play in Blackwind Ridge and has gotten lost." Some bandits noticed the little gold mouse on Duan Ling Tian's shoulder, they only thought it was a pet and couldn't help but laugh.

"Old Wang, didn't you like this type of handsome Young Master with white and smooth skin? This Young Master that has delivered himself to us ought to suit your taste, right?" One of the bandits looked at another rugged bandit and spoke with a smile.

Instantly, the band of bandits roared with laughter, and they didn't realize entirely of the arrival and danger.

Even the Ninth Leader of the bandits didn't take Duan Ling Tian seriously.

After all, as far as they were concerned, the violet clothed young man before them was only a young man that was no more than 25 years of age.

A young man like this posed no threat to them.

"He's indeed not bad. He's rather handsome, I just don't know how he is when played..." The rugged bandit had a lustful expression as he walked towards Duan Ling Tian.

But he hadn't finished speaking when he'd already stopped abruptly, because a material point force condensed from Origin Energy had torn through the sky and interrupted him.

Bang!

The rugged bandit's body crashed onto the ground.

A hideous bloody hole had appeared between his brows, and beautiful and dazzling fresh blood was still endlessly spraying out from it.

After a short moment, his head was completely wet from blood.

"First... First level Void Prying Stage!" A bandit was the first to recover from his shock, and he just happened to see the 2,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes in the sky above Duan Ling Tian...

The 2,000 lifelike ancient mammoth silhouettes gradually condensed into form, and they brought an extremely great pressure to everyone!

Many bandits had ghastly pale expressions, and their legs shivered.

A Void Prying Stage expert wasn't someone they could go against.

Presently, only the bandit's Ninth Leader and the three bandits standing behind him were comparatively composed amongst the bandits present.

These three bandits were all existences at the Half-step Void Stage.

"Having a cultivation that has stepped into the Void Prying Stage at a young age... I wonder which one of the five great young masters you are?" The Ninth Leader's face sank as he questioned with a shout.

"Five great young masters?" Duan Ling Tian's brows raised and he shrugged. "I'm none of them."

"You're not a figure amongst the five great young masters?" The Ninth Leader sneered when he heard this. "No matter if you are one or not, since you killed my brother today, you're dead!"

As soon as he finished speaking, the Ninth Leader flashed out.

Whoosh!

The Ninth Leader's body moved like the wind as a saber appeared in his hand.

Origin Energy suffused onto it before raging and rising explosively...

In the sky, along with the 2,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes that dashed out with him, another 560 ancient mammoth silhouettes condensed into form.

This was the amplification of the spirit saber.

The Ninth Leader's saber was a grade seven spirit saber!

Along with the Ninth Leader and seeming to have transformed into a fierce beast that had opened its bloody mouth as it pounced towards Duan Ling Tian, the spirit saber in his hand had an extra strand of vast aura.

This strand of aura was extremely faint, and if one didn't carefully sense it, one would be unable to notice it.

Instantly, another 200 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared beside the 2,560 ancient mammoth silhouettes.

Elementary Saber Force!

"Die!" The Ninth Leader shouted out explosively as he exerted his full strength, and his saber descended down towards Duan Ling Tian's head while carrying along the might to split a mountain.

He seemed as if he wanted to split Duan Ling Tian into two!

Terrifying Origin Energy leaped about on the saber, and as it crashed downwards, Saber Force suffused within it.

"Kill him!" The other three Half-step Void Stage bandits followed behind the Ninth Leader to charge towards Duan Ling Tian.

In the sky above them was 1,500 ancient silhouettes respectively.

Subsequently, they withdrew their respective spirit sabers.

Om! Om! Om!

Another three sabers descended down, and they seemed to have transformed into the bloody mouths of fierce beasts that bit at Duan Ling Tian.

"Futile effort!" The corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth curled into a wisp of disdain when facing the Ninth Leader's saber slash that contained the strength of 2,760 ancient mammoths, and he shouted out coldly.

Tempest Point!

Subsequently, with a raise of his hand, Duan Ling Tian's Origin Energy once again condensed into point force that tore through the sky.

Swish!

The Origin Energy point force flashed out to intercept Ninth Leader's saber that seemed to be able to split a mountain.

Following around the Origin Energy point force was strand of azure colored energy and violet colored energy that twined around each other, seemed to be like an azure snake and a violet snake that leaped about...

Tempest Point!

Instantly, another 1,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared beside the existing 2,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes above Duan Ling Tian.

Presently, Duan Ling Tian had executed the Tempest Point at the Mastery Stage that contained Half-step Advanced Wind Force and Half-step Advanced Lightning Force.

"No... Impossible!" The Ninth Leader's saber descended downwards at Duan Ling Tian's head, and his gaze didn't leave Duan Ling Tian from the beginning until the end.

At the beginning, when he saw Duan Ling Tian condense an Origin Energy point force to defend against his saber slash, he couldn't help but feel disdain in his heart.

However, when he saw the 3,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes that suddenly joined together above the head of Duan Ling Tian,

he felt coldness surge up from his feet and shoot directly into his head!

Clang!

The Tempest Point tore through the sky, and by relying on the strength of 3,000 ancient mammoths silhouettes, it blasted the spirit saber in the Ninth Leader's hand flying.

The hand the Ninth Leader used to hold his saber split apart as expected, and fresh blood dripped down.

"You... You..." After the Ninth Leader was blasted back a few steps, he looked at Duan Ling Tian in terror.

Swish!

But he hadn't even had the chance to speak when another material Tempest Point flashed over and easily pierced through between his brows.

Bang!

Ninth Leader's body dropped to the ground, dead!

He followed in the footsteps of the rugged bandit...

"Avenge the Ninth Leader!" The eyes of the three bandits that charged at Duan Ling Tian went crimson red, and Origin Energy skyrocketed on the sabers in their hands that descended towards Duan Ling Tian.

The three of them attacked out with rage and used their full strength.

But, no matter how angry they were, it was unable to change the fact that they were only at the Half-step Void Stage.

Whirlwind!

Duan Ling Tian's figure moved, seemed to have transformed into a gust of wind that easily avoided their attacks.

Tempest Point!

As his body moves, Duan Ling Tian suddenly raised his hand and pointed out thrice.

Swish! Swish! Swish!

Three Tempest Points tore through the sky and pieced the chests of the three Half-step Void Stage bandits and killed them.

Along with the three bandits crashing onto the ground, the gorge was deathly silent.

In the blink of an eye, one first level Void Prying Stage and three Half-step Void Stage martial artists had all died!

The four bandits that were killed were also the bandits with the strongest strength amongst those present here.

For a time, the remaining bandits all went pale.

"Lord, spare us!"

"Lord. Spare us!!"

...

Instantly, many bandits knelt on the ground as they kowtowed to Duan Ling Tian with shivering bodies.

When they realized they were approaching death, they were afraid.

With someone taking the lead, the remaining bandits knelt down onto the ground and begged for mercy with grievous voices.

They knew clearly that unless the violet clothed young man before them showed mercy, it would be difficult for them to escape death.

Duan Ling Tian stood before the group of bandits with a calm expression, and his gaze was extremely cold and indifferent.

"All of you know to be afraid now?" Finally, Duan Ling Tian spoke with a tone that was filled with extremely icy cold killing intent, and it caused the group of bandits to all go ghastly pale.

"Lord, spare us! So long as you spare us, we guarantee to not be bandits in the future."

"Yeah, Lord, spare us! I won't be a bandit anymore."

...

The group of bandits made promises.

When he heard the promises of these bandits, not only did Duan Ling Tian not feel pity in his heart, he instead had slight disgust in his heart.

If the scene before him were to be placed in his previous lifetime, it was no different to promising to the court after killing someone. "I won't kill anyone in the future, let me live."

Everyone had to be responsible for the things they do.

"Only one of you can live." Duan Ling Tian took a few steps

backwards and stood at the entrance of the gorge to block off the way out for the bandits, then spoke indifferently.

Om!

As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, before many bandits were able to react, another bandit had swung out his saber to kill his former companions that were beside him.

The actions of this bandit jolted all the other bandits awake.

"Kill!"

"Kill!"

...

For the sake of surviving, the group of bandits all raised their sabers against each other, attacking their former companions.

After a short while, blood flowed into a river within the gorge.

In the blink of an eyes, only a few bandits remained standing.

The condition of these bandits weren't so good, and they more or less had injuries on their bodies.

In next to no time, as if they'd discussed it previously, the remaining bandits attacked out at the same time and unleashed a chaotic battle.

Duan Ling Tian watched coldly from the side.

Right at this moment, he suddenly thought of something.

"Vice Dean Chi, all of them killing each other like this ought to be able to be counted into my mission points, right?" The old man that stood in the sky and was concealed within the clouds and mist above the gorge received Duan Ling Tian's voice transmission.

"He actually noticed me?" The old man was slightly moved, and he was shocked in his heart. "No wonder when I sent someone to follow and protect him the last time, it was see through by him... Duan Ling Tian is actually even able to notice where I'm concealed."

The old man was precisely the Dragon and Phoenix Academy's Vice Dean Chi Ming.

"You didn't use the assistance of external sources of strength, whereas they killed each other because of what you said... These dead bandits naturally are counted in your mission points." Chi Ming replied Duan Ling Tian via voice transmission.

"That's good." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

Chapter 523: Duan Ling Tian Is Captured

When Duan Ling Tian returned to his senses once more, he noticed that the remaining bandits had all fallen down.

Only one bandit remained with his last breath, and he obviously wouldn't live for long.

"Lo... Lord, save me!" The bandit struggled to plead for help from Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian glanced at him indifferently and asked. "Do you know where the other Leaders of your bandit group are?"

"I... I don't know." The bandit shook his head with difficulty. Even if he consumed a healing medicinal pill, he was still out of breath.

He'd suffered too heavy injuries, and the low grade healing medicinal pills in his possession weren't able to provide any effect.

"Little Gold." Duan Ling Tian paid no attention to this bandit and woke up the little gold mouse.

"Squeak squeak~" After the little gold mouse woke up, she cried out in surprise when she saw the tragic condition within the gorge.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, when did you become so bloody?" The

little gold mouse's naïve voice of a young girl entered into Duan Ling Tian's ears.

"I'm bloody?" The corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth twitched.

Even if there was someone in the world that had the qualifications to call him bloody, it would absolutely not be the little gold mouse.

In terms of both being ruthless and bloody, he felt he couldn't compare to this little fellow no matter how hard he tried.

"Little Gold, help me gather the spoils." Under Duan Ling Tian and the little gold mouse's cleaning up, the Spatial Rings of the group of bandits had become Duan Ling Tian's.

Whereas during this period of time, that bandit that had survived the battle had died because of his heavy injuries.

This time, Duan Ling Tian could be considered to have obtained an excellent harvest.

"With all these bandits combined... My mission points ought to have passed one hundred, right?" Before Duan Ling Tian left, he glanced indifferently at the pile of bandit corpses within the gorge and thought to himself.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian brought the little gold mouse along and left the gorge.

Duan Ling Tian's face became gloomy right after he left the gorge.

Because he noticed that two extremely familiar auras were approaching with extremely swift speeds...

"S**t!" Duan Ling Tian's face was gloomy, then his figure flashed out, intending to flee.

Whirlwind!

Duan Ling Tian's Half-step Advanced Wind Force and Half-step Advanced Lightning Force gathered beneath his feet, and he seemed to have transformed into the wind as he flashed towards the distance.

"Duan Ling Tian, you still want to flee before the two of us?" Right at this moment, two aged figures seemed as if they'd appeared out of thin air before Duan Ling Tian.

Of course, they didn't appear out of thin air.

Whereas it was their speeds that had attained a certain level that caused Duan Ling Tian to be unable to catch sight of their figures.

"Zhao Ming, Tang Huo!" Duan Ling Tian's expression was unsightly when he saw the two old men that floated before him.

He never expected that Zhao Ming and Tang Huo would appear in Blackwind Ridge...

"It's surely Liu Yue who informed them that the students of Dragon and Phoenix Academy were coming out to gain experience and tempering." In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian guessed the reason.

"Duan Ling Tian, we were unable to do anything to you in the Crimson Sky Kingdom that day... Let me see who can help you today." The corners of Tang Huo's mouth curled into a cold smile.

Zhao Ming's icy cold gaze stared at Duan Ling Tian, yet didn't say a single word.

Whoosh!

Right at this moment, another aged figure appeared to stand before Duan Ling Tian, and the figure protected Duan Ling Tian behind himself.

It was precisely the Dragon and Phoenix Academy's Vice Dean Chi Ming.

Chi Ming couldn't help but be slightly moved when he saw Tang Huo and Zhao Ming.

He wasn't surprised that the members of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect wanted to look for trouble with Duan Ling Tian.

But what surprised him was the for the sake of Duan Ling Tian, the Azure Forest Tri-Sect actually send out two Guardian Elders...

It was truly unbelievable!

"Even if the Azure Forest Tri-Sect regarded Duan Ling Tian as even more important, it still wouldn't be to the extent of sending out two Guardian Elders, right?" Chi Ming felt that there was surely a secret hidden behind this.

"Elder Tang Huo, Elder Zhao Ming." Chi Ming looked at Tang Huo and Zhao Ming with a calm expression and said with a low voice, "Duan Ling Tian is an Inner Hall student of our Dragon and Phoenix Academy now, and he's undergoing an experience mission right now... I hope that the both of you can leave quickly."

"Chi Ming, could it be that you think you alone are able to stop both the two of us?" Tang Huo obviously knew Chi Ming, and he sneered.

Chi Ming's face went gloomy. "Tang Huo, don't forget... Duan Ling Tian is a member of the Dragon and Phoenix Academy now, and he'd protected by the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial Family! If you dare touch him, then it's going against the Imperial Family."

As far as Chi Ming was concerned, the Imperial Family was sufficient to press down on Tang Huo and Zhao Ming to the point they couldn't catch their breaths.

However, the development of the matter exceeded his expectations.

"Imperial Family?" Tang Huo and Zhao Ming looked at each other when they heard Chi Ming, then couldn't refrain from laughing.

"What? After your Azure Forest Tri-Sect combined, you even look down on our Imperial Family?" Chi Ming spoke with a low voice.

"Chi Ming, if you're sensible then leave quickly... We're taking this Duan Ling Tian for sure today!" Tang Huo's words didn't have the slightest room for discussion.

Imperial Family?

Perhaps they would have to restrain themselves within the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial City.

But now, everything was too far away, whereas Duan Ling Tian was before their eyes and about to become their prey. How could they let this opportunity slip by?

After all, once they captured Duan Ling Tian, it would also mean

that they would obtain the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk.

Once they consumed the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk, they would be confident in charging into the seventh level of the Void Initiation Stage!

At that time, so what if it was the Imperial Family?

The only reason the Imperial Family was able to monopolize the kingdom was because of the seventh level Void Prying Stage expert.

So long as they captured Duan Ling Tian and forged out the location of the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk from him, seventh level Void Initiation Stage experts would appear in their Azure Forest Tri-Sect!

Moreover, it wouldn't only just be one person!

At that time, their Azure Forest Tri-Sect would be unafraid of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial Family anymore.

Duan Ling Tian stood dare and silently watched the development of the situation.

He noticed that the development seemed to not be going smoothly.

Tang Huo and Zhao Ming seemed to want to capture him even at the hazard of offending the Imperial Family.

As for the reason the two of them did this, Duan Ling Tian was able to guess it.

"Do they really think that I'd take them to the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk if they capture me?" Duan Ling Tian sneered in his heart towards how naïve Tang Huo and Zhao Ming were.

"Hmph!" Finally, Chi Ming grunted coldly, and the Origin Energy on his body fluxed, causing his robe to flutter without wind.

Whoosh!

In the sky, eight lifelike ancient horned dragons gradually condensed into form.

Chi Ming revealed his cultivation.

Sixth level of the Void Initiation Stage!

He wasn't inferior to Zhao Ming or Tang Huo.

Duan Ling Tian wasn't surprised when Chi Ming revealed such a cultivation.

His Spiritual Force had detected Chi Ming's cultivation since long ago.

"Chi Ming, if you really want to look for trouble, then don't blame me and Elder Ming for being hard on you... I presume that you ought to be clear that you aren't a match for the both of us together." As Tang Huo spoke, eight ancient horned dragon silhouettes appeared above him.

Whereas above Zhao Ming, eight ancient horned dragon silhouettes gradually condensed into form as well, and they wriggled as they descended.

Whoosh!

In next to no time, strands of material blue energy leaped about on the Origin Energy on Chi Ming's body.

Subsequently, another five ancient horned dragons appeared in the sky above Chi Ming...

"Fifth level Water Concept?" The corners of Tang Huo's mouth curled into a wisp of disdain, then as the Origin Energy on his body moved, strands of crimson red energy leaped about, and the scorching aura caused the air to stagnate.

Sixth level Fire Concept!

At the same time, Fifth level Wind Concept appeared within Zhao

Ming's Origin Energy, and the eight ancient horned dragon silhouettes above him became 13.

"Both of you really want to touch someone that's protected by our Imperial Family?" Chi Ming's face was gloomy, and he felt a wave of powerlessness in his heart.

He never expected that Tang Huo had actually comprehended sixth level Fire Concept!

Sixth level Fire Concept was already not countered by his fifth level Water Concept.

Originally, he planned to use his Water Concept to counter Tang Huo's Fire Concept, then pull Zhao Ming into the battle and fight for a chance for Duan Ling Tian to flee.

But now it would seem that his thoughts had failed.

Merely Tang Huo alone had surpassed him, and he was utterly unable to divert his attention to deal with Zhao Ming.

Whereas at this moment, Duan Ling Tian's thoughts were spinning.

"Even if I lend my grade four spirit sword to Vice Dean Chi Ming, he probably might not be able to suppress Tang Huo and Zhao Ming... Looks like I'm bound to suffer misfortune today." Unknowingly, the corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth curled into a

wisp of helplessness.

He didn't flee because he knew that it was impossible for him to flee under the eyes of Tang Huo and Zhao Ming.

"Elder Ming!" Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian heard an explosive shout.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian saw that the azure clothed on Zhao Ming's body swayed as he transformed into a gust of wind with extremely swift speed and flashed directly towards Chi Ming, and he became locked in battle with Chi Ming...

In terms of attack, the two of them were equal.

In terms of speed, because Zhao Ming had comprehended Wind Concept, he was superior.

Whoosh!

Right at this moment, Duan Ling Tian heard a wave of the sound of the air tearing apart sweep towards him, and the sound approached closer and closer, and a scorching aura enveloped down onto him.

"S**t!" Duan Ling Tian's face went ghastly pale when he saw Tang Huo pouncing at him.

A powerful hand descended onto his shoulder, and the formidable Origin Energy shackled all the Origin Energy within his body.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian was brought up into the clouds and swiftly flew into the distance,

Within Duan Ling Tian's field of vision, Chi Ming and Zhao Ming went further and further, and in the end, they transformed into two black dots that gradually vanished before his eyes...

During this period of time, Chi Ming wanted to save him on many occasions, yet was stopped by Zhao Ming.

"Duan Ling Tian, you've fallen into my hands in the end." Tang Huo's voice entered into Duan Ling Tian's ears.

"Elder Tang Huo, you better be a bit lighter... If you hurt me, then I might accidentally forget the location of the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk, and that wouldn't be good." Duan Ling Tian glanced at the hand that Tang Huo grabbed onto his shoulder with and spoke indifferently.

"Hmph!" Tang Huo's face sank from being threatened by Duan Ling Tian.

But his hand still loosened slightly.

When he saw Tang Huo being so cooperative, Duan Ling Tian

knew that his guess from before was correct.

Tang Huo and Zhao Ming utterly didn't think of directly taking his life.

The objective of the two was indeed the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk.

"Elder Tang Huo, where do you plan to take me?" Duan Ling Tian noticed that Tang Huo actually brought him all the way east, and he couldn't help but be curious.

Tang Huo paid no attention to Duan Ling Tian.

Tang Huo only stopped moving when he arrived atop a precipitous mountain that was at the eastern border of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, then he held on Duan Ling Tian's shoulder as he stood in the sky.

Duan Ling Tian sized up this precipitous mountain and didn't notice anything special about it.

Chapter 524: Duan Ling Tian's Plan

After a short moment, Duan Ling Tian saw a person swiftly flying over from the west.

"Zhao Ming!" Duan Ling Tian's face sank when he saw this person that arrived.

He understood that this place turned out to be the meeting point of Zhao Ming and Tang Huo.

After a short moment, Zhao Ming arrived by Tang Huo's side, and his hateful eyes stared fixedly at Duan Ling Tian as he spoke coldly, "Duan Ling Tian, don't play tricks! Otherwise, I'll kill you at the first possible moment."

Duan Ling Tian shrugged when he heard Zhao Ming's threats, and said indifferently, "Then go ahead and kill me, Elder Ming... We don't have to go find any 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk."

"You think I don't dare?" Zhao Ming burst into rage, and his Origin Energy raged with a raise of his hand.

Eight ancient horned dragon silhouettes coiled down and accumulated force while waiting to be deployed.

"Elder Ming!" Tang Huo frowned then stopped Zhao Ming, and he said via voice transmission. "So long as we've found the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk, are you afraid you won't have a chance to kill

Duan Ling Tian? He's provoking you to anger, don't fall into his trap." Zhao Ming took a deep breath when he heard Tang Huo, then suppressed the rage in his heart.

"Duan Ling Tian, where's the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk?" Tang Huo looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked with a low voice.

"Elder Tang Huo... Both of you will let me off if I bring both of you to the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk?" Duan Ling Tian asked with a 'vigilant' expression.

"Yes." Tang Huo wasn't surprised by Duan Ling Tian's request, and he didn't even think before agreeing to it.

"How about Elder Zhao Ming? You're willing to let me off?" Duan Ling Tian looked at Zhao Ming.

"Hmph!" Zhao Ming grunted coldly and paid no attention to Duan Ling Tian.

"Duan Ling Tian, don't worry... So long as you bring us to the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk, I and Elder Ming will let you off," said Tang Huo to Duan Ling Tian.

"Then both of you establish a vow under the Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation... Otherwise, I'd rather die than take the two of you to the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk!" Duan Ling Tian had an expression as if he was indifferent towards what happened.

"You!!" Zhao Ming's face went gloomy.

"Elder Ming!" Tang Huo frowned then persuaded via voice transmission. "So what if we do as he say and establish a vow? So long as we obtain the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk, we'll surely be able to smoothly breakthrough to the seventh level of the Void Initiation Stage!"

"At that time, with our strengths, even if we forcefully trespass into the Dragon and Phoenix Academy to kill Duan Ling Tian... I presume the Imperial Family wouldn't say anything about it." As he finished speaking, Tang Huo had a confident expression, and he seemed as if he'd already seen the scene of himself breaking through to the seventh level of the Void Initiation Stage.

Zhao Ming pondered for a short moment when he heard this, then he agreed.

Subsequently, under Duan Ling Tian's gaze, Zhao Ming and Tang Huo pinched open their fingers, then used their own blood and the Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation as the witness to establish the vow.

Once they locate the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk under Duan Ling Tian's help, they would allow Duan Ling Tian to leave and not make things difficult for Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian wasn't surprised when he saw Tang Huo and Zhao Ming establish the vow.

He was able to sense the yearning the two of them had towards the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk, so he had nothing to fear.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse cried out by Duan Ling Tian's ears and said via voice transmission, "Big Brother Ling Tian, you really intend to bring them to the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk?"

Duan Ling Tian replied via voice transmission. "Of course I wouldn't."

"Then what's the use of making them establish this vow?" The little gold mouse asked curiously.

"I asked them to establish this vow only for the sake of giving them a preconceived impression, and make them think that I'm really willing to bring them to the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk..." Duan Ling Tian explained via voice transmission. "Otherwise, if I don't make them establish the vow, they might think that I'm playing some sort of trick! In that way, it wouldn't be easy to implement my plan."

"Plan?" The little gold mouse's voice transmission was filled with a bewilderment.

"You'll know very soon." Duan Ling Tian's voice transmission was filled with mystery.

The little gold mouse lay on Duan Ling Tian's shoulder, and her pair of jade green eyes flickered with slight anticipation.

"We've already established the vow... Now you can take us to the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk, right?" Tang Huo asked Duan Ling Tian with a low voice.

"Duan Ling Tian, don't think of playing any tricks... Otherwise, I'll surely kill you!" Zhao Ming spoke out in a timely manner that was in perfect harmony with Tang Huo.

"What tricks can I play?" Duan Ling Tian shrugged. "Both of you are sixth level Void Initiation Stage experts. Could it be that you're afraid that a little first level Void Prying Stage martial artist will play tricks on you?"

Subsequently, under Duan Ling Tian's directions, Tang Huo and Zhao Ming carried him along as they flew at full speed towards northwest.

After they arrived nearby the Ancient City of Everlast, Duan Ling Tian pointed towards the north. "Over there!"

"Duan Ling Tian, it's the territory of the Darkstone Empire ahead... Are you sure the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk is in the Darkstone Empire?" Tang Huo looked at Duan Ling Tian with slight doubt.

"Elder Huo, if you don't believe me, then you can kill me right now. How about it?" Duan Ling Tian spoke indifferently.

Tang Huo instantly went silent.

The corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth curled into a wisp of disdain.

So what if you're a sixth level Void Initiation Stage martial artist?

Aren't you being completely played by me!?

"When I was at the Crimson Sky Kingdom the last time, I almost forgot that place... If I thought of it at that time, even if that mysterious expert wasn't there, I would be able to escape them as well." Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Duan Ling Tian was convinced that once Tang Huo and Zhao Ming were trapped in that place, they would most likely be trapped to death.

"Phoenix Nest City!" In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian was carried by Tang Huo and Zhao Ming to flash past in the sky above Phoenix Nest City.

"I wonder if Tian Wu, City Governor Feng, Elder Kong, and Grandma Xu have already left..." Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Not long after, under the guidance of Duan Ling Tian, Tang Huo and Zhao Ming carried Duan Ling Tian to descend in a spacious

gorge.

Within the forge was a ball of gas that were like clouds and mist that had fathered together, and the condition within it couldn't be seen clearly.

"What place is this?" Zhao Ming and Tang Huo curiously sized up the surroundings.

In the end, their gazes descended onto the ball of mist and clouds that was before them.

The clouds and mist revealed various mysteriousness that caused them to feel it wasn't simple.

"Elder Tang Huo, you can let me go now, right? If you don't let me go, how do I lead the way?" Duan Ling Tian looked at the hand Tang Huo held his shoulder with and spoke indifferently.

Tang Huo instead disregarded him.

"Then you can go look for it yourself." Duan Ling Tian shrugged and had an expression of being indifferent and not anxious.

"Duan Ling Tian, I hope you don't play tricks on us. Otherwise... You ought to know the consequences." Tang Huo threatened with a low voice.

At the same time, he relaxed the hand that grabbed onto Duan Ling Tian's shoulder.

"Even if I want to play tricks on the two of you, I need to have the strength to do it," Duan Ling Tian said indifferently.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian noticed that Zhao Ming had approached the ball of cloud and mist ahead, and a wisp of disdain couldn't help but appear on the corners of his mouth.

Unless Zhao Ming was an Inscription Master as well, otherwise, don't hope of recognizing that Inscription Formation.

Inscription Formation!

This place was precisely the place Duan Ling Tian had come to with Feng Wu Dao, Feng Tian Wu, and Elder Kong.

That ball of cloud and mist was precisely an Inscription formation. And the former Soulcleanse Pool was within the Inscription Formation.

However, because the Nether Soul Fruit was already eaten by Little Gold, that pool of water had become ordinary water.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse stood on Duan Ling Tian's shoulder and cried out lightly, then said via voice transmission. "Big Brother Ling Tian, why did you bring them here?"

"You little fellow, you still can't guess what I want to do?" Duan Ling Tian said via voice transmission, "You're too stupid..."

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse was instantly unhappy when she heard Duan Ling Tian.

"Elders, please follow me." Duan Ling Tian called out to Tang Huo and Zhao Ming, then walked over to the ball of clouds and mist with large strides, intending to enter into it.

"Hmph! That place can't be entered at all." Zhao Ming couldn't help but laugh in ridicule when he saw Duan Ling Tian's actions.

Earlier, he'd tried to walk into the ball of clouds and mist, yet he noticed that there was a shapeless energy blocking him out.

It was as even someone had set some sort of restriction here.

But in the next moment, he was completely dumbstruck when he saw the ball of mist and clouds actually split open when Duan Ling Tian walked over with large strides.

What's going on?

Tang Huo was stunned as well.

He naturally didn't know that the ball of clouds and mist was the

image formed by the Inscription Formation.

Whereas at this moment, it was precisely Duan Ling Tian who'd stretched his Spiritual Force out and successfully opened the Inscription Formation.

"Elders, the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk is inside." Duan Ling Tian walked first into the mist and clouds that had split open, and his figure slowly fused into the dusky and light mist.

When they saw Duan Ling Tian vanish before their eyes.

"Let's go in!" Tang Huo called Zhao Ming and the two of them followed in.

After the two of them entered, they were stunned on the spot.

Their faces were filled with surprise as they looked at the spacious lake before them.

Both of them never imagined that there was actually such a scene behind the ball of clouds and mist within the gorge...

At this moment, they completely didn't notice that the clouds and mist behind them was swiftly closing, and it completely closed together not long after.

Whereas beside them, a wisp of a grin appeared on the corners of

Duan Ling Tian's mouth, and he took two steps back.

In the next moment.

Whirlwind!

At almost the instant Duan Ling Tian's figure moved and charged towards the clouds and mist, an exit that would only accommodate him appeared there.

Swoosh!

Duan Ling Tian seemed to have transformed into a gust of wind as he passed through the exit and charged out to return to the gorge.

Whereas meanwhile, that exit instantly closed.

Meanwhile, Tang Huo and Zhao Ming who were within the Inscription Formation behind the cloud and mist both jolted awake from their shock.

"Duan Ling Tian has fled!" The two of them went gloomy and their figure flashed out to arrive at the spot Duan Ling Tian stood at before he fled.

They wanted to go out from here, yet they noticed a shapeless energy sealing them within and causing them to be unable to go

out.

"Dammit! We've been played by that Duan Ling Tian." Tang Huo was slightly exasperated.

"Duan Ling Tian!" Zhao Ming let out an alarmed shout, and the Origin Energy on his body skyrocketed.

A spirit sword appeared out of thin air within his hand, then his fifth level Wind Concept fluxed as he stabbed towards the barrier before him that was formed from the shapeless energy.

Bang!

However, only a muffled sound sounded out in reply to Zhao Ming's attack.

Zhao Ming was unable to break open the barrier condensed from the shapeless energy when exerting his full strength.

Chapter 525: Continuing The Assignment

"What kind of f**cking place is this?" Zhao Ming's face was grim.

From the beginning until the end, Tang Huo had been watching Zhao Ming's actions.

He's originally thought that when Zhao Ming attack with full force, Zhao Ming would be able to easily obliterate the barrier condensed from the shapeless energy...

However, the outcome instead exceeded his expectations!

Zhao Ming's full force strike was actually unable to blast open this barrier.

"Zhao Ming, let's join forces!" Tang Huo shouted out coldly, and his face was filled with visible rage.

He never expected that he, who'd lived for more than half his life, was actually tricked by a little fellow around the age of 20.

This was absolutely a terrible humiliation!

"Alright!" Zhao Ming replied.

Subsequently, the two great sixth level Void Initiation Stage experts joined forces to blast towards a point on the barrier before

them...

However, the outcome was the same.

The barrier didn't budge an inch.

"Dammit! How did Duan Ling Tian go out?" Zhao Ming gnashed his teeth as he spoke.

"He rushed out from here... I didn't notice exactly how he went out." Tang Huo's expression was extremely unsightly as well.

"Let's look around and see if there's an exit." Subsequently, Tang Huo and Zhao Ming looked around, intending to find an exit.

In the end, they instead noticed that the lake they were at was completely enveloped by the barrier formed from the shapeless energy.

That barrier had even pierced deep into the ground, and it caused them to be unable to dig a way out.

"Dammit! Exactly what sort of f**cking place is this? How exactly is that layer of barrier formed?" Zhao Ming had an exasperated expression.

Subsequently, Zhao Ming looked at Tang Hu and was almost roaring. "It's all because of you! All of this wouldn't have happened

if we killed Duan Ling Tian directly."

Tang Huo's face sank. "Zhao Ming! You get it straight... If it wasn't for you coveting the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk as well, would you let me keep him alive? After all is said and done, all this is because of our greed."

Greed!

Zhao Ming's figure shook and he was at a loss of what to say.

That's right, if it wasn't for me being greedy towards the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk Duan Ling Tian spoke of, all this wouldn't have occurred.

At this moment, he felt extreme regret.

However, there was no medicine for regret in this world.

"Once I go out, I'll surely burn Duan Ling Tian's bones and scatter his ashes! I, Zhao Ming, don't want any 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk anymore." Zhao Ming spoke with an unsightly expression.

"Hmph! It's uncertain whether we're able to go out now... But, if we're able to go out, I won't allow Duan Ling Tian to live before me for a moment longer!" Tang Huo was enraged as well, and his eyes burned with extreme flames of rage.

Within the Inscription Formation, Tang Huo and Zhao Ming were exasperated.

Whereas outside the Inscription Formation, on a large tree in the spacious gorge.

Duan Ling Tian lay on the tree with his leg crossed over the other as he cozily bathed under the sun...

"Big Brother Ling Tian, you're too bad... You actually tricked them to come here." The little gold mouse stood on the tree trunk, and her body swung up and down like a swing.

"Bad?" Duan Ling Tian shook his head and smiled, then extended his hand to block out the burning sun. "If I didn't do this, I'll be killed by them sooner or later... Even if I really take them to the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk on Megrez Peak, they'd abide by the vow and let me off for a time, but it wouldn't be long before they'd surely make a move against me once more!"

"Hehe... I was curious earlier about why Big Brother Ling Tian would bring them here. So it turned out that it was to trap them." The little gold mouse's jade green eyes flickered with a cunning smile.

"They can only blame themselves for being unfortunate!" The corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth curved slightly, and a wisp of disdain appeared.

The things that happened today were smooth, to the point it caused him to feel slight disbelief.

Of course, he knew that all this was because Tang Huo and Zhao Ming didn't have any knowledge towards the Dao of Inscriptions.

Otherwise, they wouldn't be tricked so easily.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, they wouldn't force their way out, right? Should we leave here quickly?" The little gold mouse's voice transmission contained fear mixed within.

No matter if it was Tang Huo or Zhao Ming, they were both sixth level Void Initiation Stage experts, and they were far from someone she could go against.

"There's no need. The Senior that left that Inscription Formation behind is an existence at the Void Transformation Stage or above!" Duan Ling Tian shook his head. "Unless a Void Transformation Stage expert lends a hand, or perhaps a few experts at the seventh level of the Void Interpretation Stage and above joined forces... Otherwise, don't dream of breaking open this Inscription Formation."

"Then wouldn't that mean that they'd be trapped to death within it?" The little gold mouse said in shock.

"If nothing unexpected happened, they'd surely be trapped to

death within it... Of course, if they're able to find that abode and obtained the experiences in the Dao of Inscriptions left behind by that Senior, they might have a chance of breaking open the formation and leaving," Duan Ling Tian said slowly.

"They have a chance to come out?" The little gold mouse was slightly afraid.

"Don't worry, the Dao of Inscriptions is greatly profound... They'd at least need to spend over 10 years of study to have some accomplishments in the Dao of Inscriptions and obtain the ability to break open the formation." Duan Ling Tian wasn't worried in the slightest. "If I'm still afraid of them after over 10 years, then I can directly kill them myself."

Over 10 years...

Not to mention over 10 years, even if it was the Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties that was four years from now. If he didn't have a cultivation at the seventh level of the Void Initiation Stage or above, it would probably even be difficult for him to become eminent.

The little gold mouse eased up when she heard this.

"I'll go bid my farewells to them, then we'll return to Blackwind Ridge... No matter what, I must obtain the most points in the mission this time! Only the person that is ranked number one is able to obtain the Void Refining Fruit." Duan Ling Tian stood up and his gaze descended onto the ball of mist and clouds in the

gorge.

Subsequently, his Spiritual Force fused into it, and he opened a tiny gap on the Inscription Formation.

Next, his voice transmission passed through the inconspicuous little gap and entered into the ears of Tang Huo and Zhao Ming who were trapped within. "Elder Tang Huo, Elder Zhao Ming... The both of you can live in seclusion in there in the future."

"There are many fishes in the lake and it ought to not cause the two of you to die from starvation... HAHAAHA!" Duan Ling Tian's voice transmission was filled with ridicule.

Whereas at the instant that Duan Ling Tian's voice transmission was severed by the little gap on the Inscription Formation that had closed up.

"Duan Ling Tian!" Tang Huo and Zhao Ming's flames of rage was lighted by Duan Ling Tian once more.

However, it was useless no matter how they vented...

They weren't able to forcefully break open the Inscription Formation in the end.

"Little Gold, let's go!" Whereas at this moment, Duan Ling Tian sat onto the back of the little gold mouse that had enlarged herself and headed towards the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

Presently, the little gold mouse wasn't the little gold mouse of the past.

As a demon beast whose cultivation had broken through to the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage, the little gold mouse's speed was extremely swift.

Only three days had passed when she'd brought Duan Ling Tian back to Blackwind Ridge.

"That two old fellows have wasted so much of my time... I wonder if there are people who have surpassed my previous points." Duan Ling Tian muttered and he had an unhappy expression.

If Duan Ling Tian's muttering was heard by Tang Huo and Zhao Ming who were trapped in the Inscription Formation, their expressions would surely be extremely brilliant.

"The urgent task at hand is to find Vice Dean Chi Ming first... Otherwise, if there's no one to record my score, it would be useless no matter how many bandits I kill." After spending half a day of time, Duan Ling Tian had finally found Chi Ming.

When he found Chi Ming, Chi Ming was sighing.

"Vice Dean Chi." Chi Ming's thoughts that had drifted away were pulled back when Duan Ling Tian called out to him.

"Duan... Duan Ling Tian?!" Chi Ming was completely dumbstruck when he saw Duan Ling Tian.

At the beginning, he even thought that he was seeing things, but before long, he confirmed it.

The person that stood before him was indeed Duan Ling Tian himself, without a doubt.

"Duan Ling Tian, how did you escape from the hands of those two old fellows?" Chi Ming asked curiously.

"It's a long story, I'll slowly tell Vice Dean when I have time in the future... Now that I speak of it, they've already wasted three days of my time. Vice Dean Chi, are there people who have surpassed my points now?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"Yes." Chi Ming nodded and said slowly, "Not long ago, Crazy Young Master found the lair of the Seventh Leader of the bandits like you did, and killed all 50 plus bandits! Besides that, the Seventh Leader was a martial artist at the second level of the Void Prying Stage."

Seventh Leader?

50 plus bandits?

Duan Ling Tian's pupils constricted as he sighed in surprise. "I never imagined that Crazy Young Master's luck was so good..."

The Seventh Leader was at the second level of the Void Prying Stage, and he was equivalent to 30 points, then adding on another 50 plus bandits to that.

"It's very likely that Crazy Young Master's points now have already passed 200!" Duan Ling Tian felt pressure.

"Vice Dean Chi, I want to continue," said Duan Ling Tian to Chi Ming.

Chi Ming nodded. "Go!"

Chi Ming had a complicated gaze as he looked at Duan Ling Tian transforming into a bolt of violet lightning and vanishing before him.

Duan Ling Tian's sudden return had exceeded his expectations.

"Now, I'm slightly hoping that this Duan Ling Tian is able to seize the first in the experience mission this time... If he gets to consume that Void Refining Fruit, his cultivation would transcend above all the Inner Hall students!" At the same time that Chi Ming followed Duan Ling Tian, his gaze flickered. "Moreover, he's extremely mysterious... Perhaps he even possesses many abilities that are beyond others' expectations."

The reason Chi Ming guessed like this was because Duan Ling Tian was able to shake off the two Guardian Elders of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect and returned safely.

After all, those two Guardian Elders of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect were sixth level Void Initiation Stage experts, and being able to return under their gazes was sufficient to show how extraordinary Duan Ling Tian was.

"Perhaps Duan Ling Tian can represent our Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom to become eminent on the Darkstone Empire's stage and obtain the qualifications to head to the Darkhan Dynasty to compete with the young geniuses of the Darkhan Dynasty and the various empires!" When he thought up to here, Chi Ming felt a wave of excitement.

"Duan Ling Tian, I hope you can go even further and create a legend of our Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom... A young expert that is able to compare with the most outstanding young geniuses of the Darkhan Dynasty has never appeared in our Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom." Chi Ming followed behind Duan Ling Tian like a shadow.

He was looking forward to Duan Ling Tian obtaining the most points and winning the first in the experience missions this time.

Chapter 526: Taking Revenge

Chi Ming believed that under the boost of the Void Refining Fruit, Duan Ling Tian would be able to go higher and further.

Duan Ling Tian naturally didn't know of Chi Ming's thoughts.

Presently, he was searching for the tracks of the bandits on Blackwind Ridge as if he'd gone mad.

Whoosh!

Not only was Duan Ling Tian searching, the little gold mouse was helping him search as well.

The little gold mouse was unable to help Duan Ling Tian kill the bandits, but helping Duan Ling Tian find the bandits before Duan Ling Tian attacked them himself was possible.

This was something that even Chi Ming didn't say anything about.

After all, this didn't count as breaking the rules.

The mission this time was only for a duration of half a month.

Where four days had already passed, and only 11 remained.

After searching for three days, Duan Ling Tian didn't discover the tracks of a single bandit.

No matter if he searched on the ground or searched by looking down from high above in the sky.

"Unfortunately, the area my Spiritual Force can extend out is limited... If my Spiritual Force was able to cover the entire Blackwind Ridge, then those bandits would surely have no way to hide!"

Of course, Duan Ling Tian was only thinking.

The Blackwind Ridge was so large that even Rebirth Martial Emperor at his prime all those years ago, would perhaps be able to cover it completely when he used his Spiritual Force to search it...

But the Rebirth Martial Emperor was an existence at the Martial Emperor Stage during his prime!

Presently, not to mention the highest known cultivation stage in Cloud Continent, the Martial Emperor Stage, Duan Ling Tian was even quite a distance away from the Void Initiation Stage.

"Hmm?" Suddenly, the movement ahead attracted Duan Ling Tian's attention.

Duan Ling Tian approached and looked from afar, and he noticed a few familiar figures...

These few people weren't bandits, yet Duan Ling Tian's sank slightly.

"Liu Yue!" The people that had appeared in Duan Ling Tian's field of vision was precisely the people from the Azure Forest Tri-Sect.

When he recalled Tang Huo and Zhao Ming, and recalled the Seven Star Sword Sect disciples that had died at the hands of these people on that day...

Duan Ling Tian's chest was almost filled by flames of rage!

"Vice Deal Chi!" Duan Ling Tian didn't move to meet Liu Yue's group nor did he let the Void Prying Stage martial artist behind Liu Yue's group, and he concealed himself at a side first.

"What?" Chi Ming was slightly puzzled when he heard Duan Ling Tian's voice transmission.

"Those Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciples... Can you do me a favor?" Duan Ling Tian's voice transmission was filled with boundless killing intent.

"Hmm?" Chi Ming was first stunned when he heard this, then he noticed Liu Yue's group as well.

He naturally knew the meaning of Duan Ling Tian's words.

Duan Ling Tian wanted him to take a bribe and allow Duan Ling Tian to kill these few Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciples...

If it was in the past, Chi Ming would directly refuse.

But now, when he recalled those two Guardian Elders of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect that didn't respect the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial Family, a trace of evil flames couldn't help but emerge within the heart of Chi Ming who was one of the five great Revered Elders of the Imperial Family.

Chi Ming was a person as well, and he had emotions.

Because of the actions of Tang Huo and Zhao Ming a few days ago, he didn't have the slightest favorable impression of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect.

Moreover, Duan Ling Tian had said it clearly now, it was to give him a favor!

Perhaps, the favor Duan Ling Tian owed was nothing at this moment.

But what about in the future?

He looked extremely favorably upon Duan Ling Tian's future.

In the end, Chi Ming gritted his teeth and agreed. "Then make it clean... I'll instruct the people that are following behind them to not interfere in the matter between you and them."

At this moment, Chi Ming had a slight guilty feeling.

But when he recalled Tang Huo and Zhao Ming's arrogance before him, the guilty feeling vanished completely.

It wasn't worth for the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial Family to protect the members of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect.

"Thank you Vice Dean Chi, Duan Ling Tian is indebted to your favor." Duan Ling Tian heaved a sigh of relief when Chi Ming agreed.

He was really worried that Chi Ming wouldn't agree.

If that was the case, then even if he hated Liu Yue's group to the extreme, he would have no way of doing anything.

Of course, he was able to guess that a portion of the reason Chi Ming agreed so readily was surely because of Tang Huo and Zhao Ming capturing Duan Ling Tian a few days ago...

At that time, Tang Huo and Zhao Ming had caused this Vice Dean to lose all face!

"Senior Sister Liu Yue, it has already been four days and we haven't even encountered a single bandit... Where exactly are they hiding?" An Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciple smiled bitterly as he looked at Liu Yue.

"You're asking me? How would I know?" Liu Yue said angrily.

"Senior Sister Liu Yue, don't get angry... So what if we have no gains from coming to Blackwind Ridge this time? Presently, the two Guardian Elders would have probably already killed that Duan Ling Tian, and that's a great merit!" Another Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciple grinned.

"Right... Once Duan Ling Tian is dead, the three Sect Leaders will surely be happy. At that time, all of us are people who have rendered meritorious service and will obtain the rewards of the Sect! After all, it's we who told the two Guardian Elders of Duan Ling Tian's whereabouts." The eyes of the last Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciple glowed, and it was as if he'd already seen the rewards bestowed by the sect.

Liu Yue's expression eased up slightly when she heard this.

Indeed, nothing could be more delightful than this.

When she thought of how Duan Ling Tian was already dead, she

couldn't help but heave a sigh of relief.

A few days ago in the Dragon and Phoenix Academy, the icy cold gaze Duan Ling Tian look at her with caused her to have nightmares successively for a few days...

In those nightmares, she was killed by Duan Ling Tian several times.

"I can finally have a good night's sleep tonight." Liu Yue was rather happy in her heart, and the depression from being unable to find a bandit was completely tossed to the back of her head.

"It really was all of you that leaked the news!" It was at this moment that a voice that was like a ghost caused the expression of Liu Yue's group to go grim.

Especially Liu Yue, this voice was one she'd heard countless time during her dreams in these past few days...

Of course, they were all nightmares.

Duan Ling Tian had approached Liu Yue's group since long ago, and he'd clearly heard what Liu Yue and the others had said.

He was originally suspicious that it was Liu Yue's group that had leaked the matter of the experience missions in Blackwind Ridge.

Presently, Liu Yue's group had admitted it themselves.

"So Tang Huo and Zhao Ming were brought over by them... Duan Ling Tian, you can deal with this matter however you want!" Right at this moment, a voice transmission entered into Duan Ling Tian's ears, and it contained traces of rage mixed within.

It was precisely Chi Ming!

Obviously, Chi Ming had heard the conversation of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciples.

Whoosh!

As soon as Duan Ling Tian's finished speaking, his figure moved to appear before Liu Yue's group.

"Squeak squeak~" The jade green eyes of the little gold mouse on Duan Ling Tian's shoulder flickered with cold lights as she stared at Liu Yue's group.

"Duan... Duan Ling Tian!" Besides Liu Yue who was mentally prepared, the other three Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciples went pale when they saw Duan Ling Tian.

What we said earlier was heard by Duan Ling Tian?

Also, Duan Ling Tian actually didn't die?

Could it be that the two Guardian Elders haven't made a move?

"Liu Yue, and you three... You killed the disciples of my Seven Star Sword Sect that day, and owe my Seven Star Sword Sect numerous debts of blood. Today, the time for payback has come." Duan Ling Tian stared coldly at Liu Yue's group, and he spoke indifferently.

His words didn't contain any emotions.

However, anyone would be able to feel the killing intent that swept out from Duan Ling Tian.

Along with the terrifying killing intent on Duan Ling Tian's body sweeping out, it enveloped onto Liu Yue's group and caused all their faces to go pale.

Duan Ling Tian's killing intent was obtained from his career of bloodshed in his previous life.

How would it be something that Liu Yue's group was able to endure?

"Duan... Duan Ling Tian. Don't you forget that we're undergoing the experience mission of the Dragon and Phoenix Academy, and there's someone following behind us to record our score. The academy won't let you off if you dare kill us." Liu Yue took a deep breath, and she could feel her heartbeat ceaselessly increasing in

speed.

"Really?" Duan Ling Tian started laughing. "Are you sure the academy won't let me off?"

Duan Ling Tian's words caused Liu Yue's group to become absent-minded.

It was at this instant that Duan Ling Tian attacked.

Tempest Point!

Duan Ling Tian pointed out with his finger, and a material point force condensed from Origin Energy howled as it flew out.

Swish!

A piercing howl sounded out and an Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciple beside Liu Yue directly fell to the ground.

On his head, a savage bloody hole had appeared, and blood flowed endlessly from it.

"Ah!" One of their fellow disciples from the same sect was killed, and it terrified Liu Yue's group to the point their faces instantly went ghastly pale.

"Duan Ling Tian, you... You really dared kill him!" Liu Yue's voice was slightly trembling.

As far as she was concerned, Duan Ling Tian was simply a madman!

But in next to no time, when she noticed that there was no movement behind her, terror appeared on the faces of Liu Yue and the others.

"Where's the person from the academy? Isn't there someone following us to record our scores?" The three of them took the person from the academy that recorded their scores as their life saving straw.

However, that person of the Dragon and Phoenix Academy didn't appear.

When Duan Ling Tian saw Liu Yue's group looking left and right, he said in ridicule, "You don't have to look... All of you are bound to die for nothing here. After the experience mission ends, the Dragon and Phoenix Academy will announce that the disciples of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect didn't heed advice and wandered arbitrarily in the Blackwind Ridge before disappearing."

The expressions of Liu Yue's group went deathly pale.

Swish!

Duan Ling Tian pointed out once more, and the point force condensed from Origin Energy howled as it killed another Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciple.

It pierced through between the brows again, a similar death with the previous Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciple.

After killing two Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciples successively, Duan Ling Tian's expression remained expressionless from the beginning until the end.

These two Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciples had killed countless Seven Star Sword Sect disciples on that day.

Today, he was only making them repay their debts of blood with blood.

"Flee!" Besides Liu Yue, the last remaining Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciple had a ghastly pale expression when he saw two of his senior brothers falling to the ground, and he turned around and fled.

But could he flee?

After all, even Liu Yue couldn't arouse the thought to flee now.

Because Liu Yue knew that it was impossible for them to flee under Duan Ling Tian's eyes.

"Flee?" When Duan Ling Tian saw the Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciple turn around intending to flee to the distance, the corners of his mouth couldn't help but curl into a sneer.

Tempest Point!

With a raise of his hand, two point forces condensed from Origin Energy whistled out and hit directly on the legs of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciple.

Bang!

The body of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciple who had two bloody holes pierced on his legs shook before his body crashed to the ground.

He fell near Liu Yue.

"Senior Sister, save... Save me!" The Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciple struggled to stretch out his hand and grab onto Liu Yue's legs, then said in panic, "Senior Sister, I don't want to die... I don't want to die!"

Liu Yue had a bitter expression on her face.

Save?

Presently, she was hardly able to protect herself, let alone save another.

Chapter 527: Good Luck

"You don't want to die?" Duan Ling Tian glanced coldly and indifferently at the Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciple by Liu Yue's feet, then ridiculed. "Do you think that the Seven Star Sword Sect disciples that died at your hand wanted to die?"

The Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciple's figure trembled when he heard Duan Ling Tian, then he turned to lie before Duan Ling Tian. "Duan Ling Tian, let me off... Let me off! I beg you, I beg you!!"

"Those Seven Star Sword Sect disciples that died at your hand... At the instant they were killed by you, they similarly despaired like you are now."

"If you have a second lifetime, remember well... When you've done something bad, you have to return what you owe sooner or later!" Duan Ling Tian glanced in disgust at this Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciple, then he abruptly raised his hand.

Tempest Point!

The exceedingly condensed Origin Energy point force flashed out.

In the next moment, the sounds of begging of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciple came to an abrupt stop.

Bang!

His figure crashed to the ground and he was devoid of any further movement.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian's gaze descended onto Liu Yue.

"Duan Ling Tian, it's useless even if you kill me now... The two Guardian Elders of our Azure Forest Tri-Sect have already found out of your whereabouts, you're dead!" Liu Yue realized that danger was imminent, and she directly tore off all pretenses and was without any worries.

"You're talking about Tang Huo and Zhao Ming?" Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but laugh. "I'm afraid I have to disappoint you, Tang Huo and Zhao Ming already found me four days ago."

"No... Impossible!" Liu Yue's complacent smile instantly froze, then she was almost roaring. "You're lying, you're surely lying!"

As far as she was concerned, if the two Guardian Elders found Duan Ling Tian four days ago, then it would be impossible for Duan Ling Tian to be standing here now.

She didn't believe what Duan Ling Tian said!

"Lying? Do you think there's any need for that?" Duan Ling Tian smiled extremely brilliantly.

Liu Yue's figure shook.

Right, Duan Ling Tian seems to have no need to lie to me...

But she was unable to wrap her head around it.

How exactly did this Duan Ling Tian escape this calamity?

Unfortunately, Liu Yue would never find out.

Swish!

Duan Ling Tian's Origin Energy point force tore through the sky, and it easily entered between Liu Yue's brows.

When facing Duan Ling Tian, Liu Yue didn't have the slightest ability to resist.

Bang!

Liu Yue's corpse fell down, dying without peace.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian felt as if he was worlds apart when he recalled the scene of meeting Liu Yue for the first time in the Demonic Lotusblade Sect all those years ago.

Knowing that Chi Ming was concealed nearby, Duan Ling Tian didn't utilize his Pill Fire or Weapon Flame...

He casually took out a fire piston and burnt the corpses of all the Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciples.

It wasn't long before the four of them had completely vanished from this world.

From the beginning until the end, Duan Ling Tian had a calm expression as he watched, and his gaze didn't contain the slightest emotion.

"Azure Forest Tri-Sect... This is only the beginning!" When he recalled the horrifying scene of the former Seven Star Sword Sect being slaughtered, the killing intent deep within Duan Ling Tian's eyes was awe-inspiring.

"Vice Dean Chi, thank you." After a short moment, Duan Ling Tian came back to his senses, then thanked Chi Ming via voice transmission.

If it wasn't for Chi Ming, it would be impossible for him to take revenge for his fellow disciples that had died.

He's remembered this favor in his heart.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian's figure moved to flash out.

"There's still another eight days of time, I must find the next bandit lair!"

According to Duan Ling Tian's knowledge, the pack of bandits that were the target of the experience mission of the Dragon and Phoenix Academy this time was divided into nine groups, and they were scattered all around Blackwind Ridge.

They were respectively led by a bandit leader.

The group of bandits that were led by the Ninth Leader was annihilated by Duan Ling Tian a few days ago.

Besides that, Crazy Young Master had annihilated the group of bandits led by the Seventh Leader.

As of now, there were another seven groups remaining.

Needless to say, Duan Ling Tian's luck was good.

Two hours later, he encountered a middle aged man that was entering the Blackwind Ridge from outside.

The middle aged man wore the clothes of an ordinary village, his figure thin and small, and he was cautious all along his way.

"There's something strange about this person!" Duan Ling Tian

concealed himself at the side and his eyes focused on the man.

As a mercenary who'd walked out of mountains of corpses and rivers of blood in his previous life, Duan Ling Tian had an especially acute sense of smell towards blood.

Presently, he'd smelled an extremely dense smell of blood from this thin and small middle aged man.

He could be sure that this person that wore the clothes of a villager was absolutely not an ordinary villager.

What a joke!

This smell of blood on this person was at least achieved from killing over 100 people.

"If nothing unexpected happens, he should be a bandit without a doubt!" Duan Ling Tian's eyes flashed as he silently followed from behind.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse on Duan Ling Tian's shoulder cried out. "Big Brother Ling Tian, isn't he a villager? Why're you following him?"

The little gold mouse had followed Duan Ling Tian when he wandered about to gain experience and tempering for some time, and her experience wasn't inferior to a human, so she recognized the middle aged man's clothed with a glance.

"Villager?" Duan Ling Tian shook his head. "Little Gold, you'll know soon."

Under the little gold mouse's bewildered gaze, Duan Ling Tian followed the thin and small middle aged man to pass through a dense forest.

Needless to say, this thin and small middle aged man was exceedingly cautious.

He took numerous circles before walking back.

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian followed the thin and small middle aged man to walk into a small gorge.

The surrounding walls of the small gorge were overgrown with weeds, and some weed were even taller than a person.

"Eh." Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian's eyes squinted and he had a surprised expression.

Nearby, the small and thin middle aged man pulled open the weeds that were taller than a person, then his entire body was concealed within it and vanished.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse cried out and asked Duan Ling Tian via voice transmission. "Big Brother Ling Tian, where is

he?"

"Let's go!" Duan Ling Tian used his actions to respond to the little gold mouse.

Duan Ling Tian lifted apart the weeds at the place that the thin and small middle aged man lifted open the weeds.

A cave passageway that could accommodate one person to move in and out appeared before Duan Ling Tian's eyes.

"It's really concealed! If I came looking for it myself, I'd surely be unable to find this place." Duan Ling Tian's eyes flashed as he brought along the little gold mouse to enter the pitch black cave passageway.

Not long after, a small dot of light appeared at the other end of the cave passageway.

Along with Duan Ling Tian walking forward with large strides, the small dot of light became larger and larger, and an exit appeared before Duan Ling Tian's eyes.

Duan Ling Tian walked out the exit and looked out.

An enormous cave that was brightly illuminated by lamps appeared before his eyes.

Around this enormous cave was fifty or sixty small caves, and it was a peculiar scene.

Within the enormous cave.

Along with the return of the thin and small middle aged man, a group of people walked out of the small caves and all of them looked excitedly at him.

"Thin Monkey, what's the condition like outside?" An emaciated old man walked out of a cave at the center, and the old man's voice was hoarse and unpleasant.

"Sixth Leader!" The old man's appearance caused the group of people including the small and thin middle aged man to greet him respectfully.

"Sixth Leader?" Duan Ling Tian's eyes shone.

Although he guessed that the thin and small middle aged man was a member of the bandits, Duan Ling Tian never expected that there actually was such a big fish behind him.

"Let's see what his cultivation is like..." Duan Ling Tian thought in his heart and stretched his Spiritual Force out.

After a short amount of time.

Under the detection of his Spiritual Force, the cultivations of the bandits were unable to escape his detection.

The Sixth Leader of the bandits was a second level Void Prying Stage martial artist.

Besides the Sixth Leader, there was another first level Void Prying Stage bandit.

As for the other people, they were all martial artists below the Void Prying Stage and were of no threat to Duan Ling Tian.

"The second level of the Void Prying Stage is able to exert the strength of 3,000 ancient mammoths... His spirit weapon ought to be a grade seven spirit weapon." Duan Ling Tian started to calculate the strengths of himself and the enemy. "When utilizing a grade seven spirit weapon, his offensive capability wouldn't surpass the strength of 3,800 ancient mammoths.

"Whereas I possess a strength comparable to the strength of 2,000 ancient mammoths, and when amplified via my grade four spirit sword, my offensive capability is able to arrive at the strength of 3,200 ancient mammoths...

"If Force is not considered, I'm inferior to him. Whereas in terms of Force, unless he has comprehended a Half-step Advanced Force... Otherwise, it's impossible for him to compare to me!

"He looks to be extremely old and probably doesn't have any

comprehension ability, so it isn't likely that he's able to comprehend Half-step Advanced Force." When he thought up to here, cold lights flashed within Duan Ling Tian's eyes. "In other words, it isn't difficult for me to kill him."

Whereas while Duan Ling Tian's thoughts were spinning.

"Sixth Leader, it's calm and tranquil outside, and I didn't notice anything off... Besides that, I noticed a village that not only has plenty of food, there's also plenty of women!" As the small and thin middle aged man finished speaking, a smile of lust appeared on his face.

"Women!" Instantly, the gazes of the other bandits lit up brightly.

"Dammit, I've been holding back for a month, I must sleep with a few more this time!" Many bandits wished for nothing more than to kill their way into that village.

Slaughter the village, seize the food, and steal the women!

"Thin Monkey, you've done well... After we deal with that village, I'll let you choose the women first." The Sixth Leader nodded in satisfaction.

"Thank you, Sixth Leader!" The thin and small middle aged bandit had an excited expression.

The other bandits instead had expressions of envy and jealousy.

"Sixth Elder, when are we leaving?" A man with a saber scar on his face had eyes that emitted light.

"All of you don't have to leave anymore."

The Sixth Leader hadn't even had the time to respond when a cold and indifferent voice suddenly sounded out and resounded within the entire cave.

"Who is it?!" The Sixth Leader was the first to react, and his face became grim.

Whereas at the instant the Sixth Leader spoke.

Swish!

A violet colored sword light that was difficult to perceive tore through the sky, and it tore through the night sky like a swift shooting star.

Pu!

The man with a saber scar on his face that ask the Sixth Leader the question earlier didn't even have the time to react when his throat was pierced by a sword, and fresh blood splattered out.

Dead!

The person that attacked was naturally Duan Ling Tian.

"After killing this first level Void Prying Stage bandit, only the second level Void Prying Stage Sixth Leader remains." When Duan Ling Tian withdrew his sword, he heard the Sixth Leader's alarmed shout.

Whirlwind!

After succeeding, Duan Ling Tian didn't hesitate in the slightest, and he seemed to have transformed into a gust of wind that blew towards the Sixth Leader.

Duan Ling Tian who exploded out with his entire strength and stood on Half-step Advanced Wind Force and Half-step Advanced Lightning Force arrived before the Sixth Leader in an instant.

"You're courting death!" The Sixth Leader was in a violent rage.

With a raise of his hand, the Origin Energy on his saber rages and Elementary Saber Force suffused it.

Om!

The saber tore through the sky as it slashed towards Duan Ling Tian.

Under the fueling of the strength of 4,000 ancient mammoth, the saber's speed was extremely swift.

But unfortunately, Duan Ling Tian's sword was even swifter...

Sword Drawing Arts!

At almost the exact same instant that the Sixth Leader attacked, Duan Ling Tian made his move.

Chapter 528: Minimum 60% Amplification

Swish!

A sword light that was swift to the limit flashed.

Right at this instant, 4,200 ancient mammoth silhouettes condensed into form above Duan Ling Tian...

Besides the white color that belonged to Origin Energy, there was another strand of violet and a strand of azure within the sword light.

This sword strike of Duan Ling Tian's contained the 60% amplification of the grade four spirit sword that amplified his base strength of 2,000 ancient mammoths...

The amplification was the strength of 1,200 ancient mammoth silhouettes!

Besides that, the Half-step Advanced Lightning Force and Half-step Advanced Wind Force bestowed the strength of 1,000 ancient mammoths onto Duan Ling Tian.

In total, it was the strength of 4,200 ancient mammoths!

In terms of strength, he was even stronger than the bandit's Sixth Leader!

Most importantly, the Sword Drawing Arts that Duan Ling Tian had executed now was originally adept at speed.

His strength was stronger than the Sixth Leader, combined with the speed of his Sword Drawing Arts...

The speed of the sword in Duan Ling Tian's hand completely crushed the speed of the saber in the hands of the Sixth Leader.

Swish!

A clear sound resounded out, and practically all the bandits present didn't see Duan Ling Tian's movements clearly.

Whirlwind!

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian's figure flashed to dodge to the side.

Whereas the sword in the hand of Sixth Leader fiercely flashed towards the place Duan Ling Tian was standing earlier.

But his movements still didn't change in the slightest even after Duan Ling Tian had left the spot.

Of course, it wasn't that the reaction of Sixth Leader was slow, but was instead that a fine rip had appeared on the throat of the Sixth Leader, and then it started to spew out dazzling and

resplendent blood.

Blood splattered all over the floor and seemed to have transformed into numerous red roses.

Clang!

The Sixth Leader and his saber were carried away fiercely by momentum, and they scraped the floor all the way.

After a short moment, the Sixth Leader lay there on the ground and was completely devoid of any signs of life.

Dead!

Silent!

The spacious cave was deathly silent as all the bandits were dumbstruck.

In the blink of an eyes, the Sixth Leader that was the strongest amongst them and the first level Void Prying Stage bandit that was the Sixth Leader's right hand man were both killed, and the scene before them almost made them unable to recover from their shock.

After a short while, the bandits all went ghastly pale after they recovered from their shock.

"Flee!"

"Flee!"

...

When facing the violet clothed young man that had killed two Void Prying Stage experts in the blink of an eye, they didn't have the slightest battle intent and only thought of fleeing this place right away.

But would they be able to flee?

Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish!

...

Along with the grade four spirit sword in Duan Ling Tian's hand flashing, the bandits perished beneath his sword one after the other.

"Lord, spare me!"

"Spare me!! Lord!!"

...

The numerous bandits pleaded for mercy ceaselessly.

But Duan Ling Tian was currently like a bloodthirsty asura that had crawled out from hell, and he reaped the lives of the bandits to his heart's content.

Not long after, the spacious cave had returned to calm, as all the bandits were dead!

"Grade four spirit sword!" Chi Ming who'd followed Duan Ling Tian in and was concealed at the side long ago had finally recovered from his shock.

When Duan Ling Tian attacked and killed the Sixth Leader, he'd guessed that the spirit sword in Duan Ling Tian's hand might be a grade four spirit sword...

But he didn't dare confirm his suspicions.

After all, a grade four spirit sword was too shocking!

Normally speaking, a grade four Weapons Craftsman was only present within those dynasties.

Moreover, they were exceedingly rare.

"Duan Ling Tian knows a grade four Weapons Craftsman?" Chi Ming was greatly shocked, and he gasped in his heart.

As far as he was concerned, since Duan Ling Tian had a grade four spirit sword in his possession, it meant that Duan Ling Tian had a good relationship with a grade four Weapons Craftsman.

"I originally thought he was only a Seven Star Sword Sect disciple... I never imagined that he was related to a grade four Weapons Craftsman." Chi Ming sighed in his heart.

"Vice Dean Chi, please do the count." After he put away all the spoils of the battle, Duan Ling Tian's gaze shot onto Chi Ming once more.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian left the cave and followed along the passageway to arrive outside.

Duan Ling Tian wasn't anxious to leave, and he counted his spoils as he waited for Chi Ming.

Firstly, Duan Ling Tian withdrew the Spatial Ring of the Sixth Leader.

Similar to the Spatial Ring of the Ninth Elder, there was a large amount of gold and silver...

But these things didn't have much allure to Duan Ling Tian.

"This is..." Before long, Duan Ling Tian notice a dim green

colored pearl within the Sixth Leader's Spatial Ring.

The reason this pearl caught Duan Ling Tian's attention was entirely because when Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force touched the pearl, a faint fluctuation of Spiritual Force was transmitted from it.

Of course, the Spiritual Force fluctuation within the pearl was without an owner.

"What's going on?" Not only that, Duan Ling Tian also noticed that when his Spiritual Force touched the dim green pearl, the Spiritual Force within had actually gradually fused in his Spiritual Force and ceaselessly strengthened his Spiritual Force.

"What exactly is this pearl?" Under his curiosity, Duan Ling Tian closed his eyes and searched the memories of the Rebirth Martial Emperor to see if there are any record of this pearl.

"Soul Pearl?" In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian found records relating to this pearl.

A Soul Pearl was an existence similar to a spirit fruit.

Ordinarily speaking, if one used special methods to gather the Lunaray Force, then there would be a chance to condense it into a Soul pearl after a few tens of years.

Lunaray Force was the energy of the moon in the night sky.

The Soul Pearl was sourced from pure Lunaray Force and it contained Spiritual Force that was able to easily fuse into the Spiritual Force of a human.

"Ordinarily speaking, there are methods to gather Lunaray Force and condense a Soul Pearl, and an Inscription Formation is one of those methods." Duan Ling Tian thought in his heart.

It was precisely because of this that the Rebirth Martial Emperor would know of the existence of Soul Pearls.

During his prime, the Rebirth Martial Emperor had once gathered Lunaray Force with an Inscription Formation and condensed a Soul Pearl to bestow upon his personal disciple.

A Soul Pearl was able to improve Spiritual Force.

Although its effects weren't great, it wouldn't be like spirit fruits that have diminishing medicinal effect after each consumption.

So long as one had sufficient Soul Pearls, one's Spiritual Force could be improved directly.

Of course, a heaven-defying item like a Soul Pearl had some limitations.

A Soul Pearl was at most able to improve the Spiritual Force of a

martial artist or demon beast below the Martial Monarch Stage.

Once one's Spiritual Force stepped into the Martial Monarch Stage, the Soul Pearl wouldn't have any effect any longer.

"Hmm? My Spiritual Force has broken through?" When Duan Ling Tian returned to his senses, he noticed that his Spiritual Force had actually broken through.

It had broken through to the third level of the Void Prying Stage!

Although it was only the breakthrough of his Spiritual Force, Duan Ling Tian was still wildly happy.

"Although there were some differences between the characteristics of a Soul Pearl and a Spirit Fruit, it was no different to a Spirit Fruit in pushing forward the level of Spiritual Force later on!

"Later on, once my cultivation breaks through to the second level of the Void Prying Stage, my Spiritual Force will be pushed to the fourth level of the Void Prying Stage! It will forever maintain being two levels higher than my cultivation." Duan Ling Tian's gaze descended onto the Soul Pearl.

Presently, the dim green colored Soul Pearl had become a crystalline and translucent crystal pearl.

Pop!

It was at this moment that the 'crystal pearl' was enveloped by Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force and instantly shattered into bits before vanishing without a trace.

"As a miraculous item that is able to improve the Spiritual Force of a Void Transformation Stage expert, the effects of a Soul Pearl were small as expected... My Spiritual Force was only at the first level of the Void Prying Stage, and after consuming a Soul Pearl, it actually only advanced to the third level of the Void Prying Stage." Duan Ling Tian sighed in his heart.

He could imagine that the higher the level of his Spiritual Force, he would need to absorb even more Soul Pearls to break through.

"I wonder where this Sixth Leader obtained the Soul Pearl." Duan Ling Tian noticed that there was only one Soul Pearl within the Sixth Leader's Spatial Ring, and it caused him to be unable to help himself from being disappointed.

"But, my Spiritual Force advancing to the third level of the Void Prying Stage can be considered to be an unexpected cause for happiness." In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian let out a breath of air and he felt he was too greedy.

"With my current Spiritual Force, so long as I don't encounter the First Leader of these bandits, then even if they were at the third level of the Void Prying Stage, I can use my soul skill, Thousand Illusions, to easily obtain victory against the other leaders, as long as they aren't Inscription Masters!" When he thought

up to here, Duan Ling Tian's feelings surged.

Meanwhile, Chi Ming walked out from the cave.

"Vice Dean Chi, how many points did these bandits give me?"
Duan Ling Tian looked at Chi Ming as he asked.

Chi Ming looked at Duan Ling Tian as if looking at a monster, then said after a short while, "236 points. Coupled with the points from before, 378 points."

378 points?

Duan Ling Tian nodded. "Continue!"

When he saw Duan Ling Tian walk out with large strides, Chi Ming followed as well.

"Vice Dean Chi, you..." Duan Ling Tian noticed that Chi Ming didn't conceal himself, and he couldn't help but be slightly curious.

At the same time, he noticed that Chi Ming had something difficult to voice out.

"Vice Dean Chi, speak frankly if you have anything you want to say." Duan Ling Tian smiled.

He owed Chi Ming a favor, and he remembered it in his heart.

As far as he was concerned, if he had the opportunity to return the favor earlier, he would be able to feel slightly at ease in his heart.

He wasn't willing to owe a favor.

Chi Ming took a deep breath and asked. "Duan Ling Tian, the spirit weapon you used earlier was a grade four spirit sword?"

"I was wondering what was troubling Vice Dean Chi... Yes, what I used earlier was indeed a grade four spirit sword." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

"You... You know a grade four Weapons Craftsman?" Chi Ming stared fixedly at Duan Ling Tian, it was difficult for his gaze to move in the slightest, and it was as if it had rooted onto Duan Ling Tian.

"Sort of." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

"Sort of?" Chi Ming was stunned.

How could Chi Ming have imagined that the grade four spirit sword in Duan Ling Tian's possession was refined by Duan Ling Tian himself, and the grade four Weapons Craftsman he spoke of was Duan Ling Tian himself.

"Vice Dean Chi!" Duan Ling Tian discerned that Chi Ming was interested towards the grade four spirit weapon, and he said straightforwardly. "If you're interested in a grade four spirit weapon, I can ask that grade four Weapons Craftsman to refine one for you... Just take it as me returning that favor I owe you!"

"Of course, Vice Dean Chi has to prepare the materials yourself." Duan Ling Tian added in the end.

"I can ask that grade four Weapons Craftsman to refine one for you... I can ask that grade four Weapons Craftsman to refine one for you..." At this moment, only these words remained and ceaselessly resounded in Chi Ming's ears.

Gradually, Chi Ming's face flushed red as he asked. "Really?"

"Vice Dean Chi, why would I deceive you?" Duan Ling Tian shook his head and said, "Moreover, I can guarantee that the grade four spirit weapon refined by that Weapons Craftsman for you will have a minimum amplification of 60%!"

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"Duan Ling Tian... You said an amplification of 60%? Are you sure?" Duan Ling Tian's words caused Chi Ming's figure to trembled, and he shook while having an expression of disbelief.

A grade four spirit weapon that provided a 60% amplification.

That was a grade four spirit weapon that was the top grade amongst the top grade...

Even in the entire Darkhan Dynasty, it was an existence that could be called a treasure!

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded. "The grade four spirit weapons refined by that weapons craftsman are all able to attain the effect of a 60% amplification..."

"But, Vice Dean Chi, are you sure you want to use the favor I owe you on this grade four spirit weapon?" Duan Ling Tian looked at Chi Ming and asked.

Chi Ming went silent when he heard this.

After a short moment, he took a deep breath and nodded.

"I understand." Duan Ling Tian nodded. "After this mission ends, tell me what spirit weapon you want to be refined... At that time,

I'll contact that Weapons Craftsman and make a custom grade four spirit weapon for you!"

"Of course, only after I see that Weapons Craftsman would I know what materials are needed to refine your spirit weapon." As Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, he heaved a sigh of relief.

He was extremely happy that he was able to return the favor he owed Chi Ming so easily.

As for the matter that he himself was the grade four Weapons Craftsman was something he didn't say.

After all, it was too unbelievable.

"Alright!" Chi Ming nodded and his face flushed red in excitement. "At that time, pass the detailed list of materials to me and I'll be responsible to find it for you."

It wasn't that Chi Ming didn't think of the future value of this favor Duan Ling Tian owed him, but the temptation of a grade four spirit weapon was truly too great.

He was unable to endure the temptation.

Of course, many years later, Chi Ming would be extremely regretful every time he recalled the decision he made today.

All these were matters of the future.

Duan Ling Tian left the gorge and continued searching forward swiftly.

Days passed by, one by one.

Three days remained to the end of the mission, and Duan Ling Tian's mission points were still stuck at 378 points.

"In the mission this time, Crazy Young Master, Luo Zhan, is in the lead at the moment... Luo Zhan's points are at 462 points. Behind him is the Sword Young Master, Chen Shao Shuai with 422 points. Then it's Flame Young Master with 406 points." Chi Ming's voice transmission sounded out by Duan Ling Tian's ears.

"You're currently ranked number four... No matter if it's Crazy Young Master, Sword Young Master, or Flame Young Master, they'd similarly annihilated two groups of bandits like you!" Chi Ming added.

Duan Ling Tian was stunned, then he sighed. "As expected of figures amongst the five great young masters, they're really not simple."

"Duan Ling Tian, you're actually already not bad compared to them. You don't have any knowledge of Blackwind Ridge... Whereas the three of them have frequently battled fierce beasts in Blackwind Ridge to temper themselves." Chi Ming said, "So, their

understanding of Blackwind Ridge far surpasses yours... This is also the reason that they found two groups of bandits each."

Duan Ling Tian came to a sudden understanding.

Although there were no demon beasts in Blackwind Ridge, fierce beasts gathered like the clouds in Blackwind Ridge.

All along the way, a great number of fierce beasts had died at his hand.

But unfortunately, no matter how strong a fierce beast was, it didn't carry even a single point.

If he wanted points, then he had to kill bandits.

"I, Crazy Young Master, Sword Young Master, and Flame Young Master have annihilated two groups of bandits each... Then wouldn't the others have no points?" Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

"How could that be possible?" Chi Ming shook his head. "The others many killed many bandits that were by themselves... Not everyone has your courage, daring to drive straight into the enemy's' den, and enter the lair of the bandits to carry out a slaughter."

"That Chai Jin found a group of bandits as well... But he was extremely unfortunate, as the bandit leader of that group was a

second level Void Prying Stage martial artist." Chi Ming said, "In the end, he was nearly killed... Fortunately, our people save him."

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

Chai Jin?

He'd fought Chai Jin and knew that although Chai Jin was a first level Void Prying Stage, he didn't comprehend Force.

He belonged to the first level Void Prying Stage martial artists whose strength was at the bottom.

But, that Chai Jin is unfortunate indeed... According to the rules of the mission this time, he was saved by another and escaped with his life, so his points will be zero!" Duan Ling Tian felt sorrow for Chai Jin.

"Vice Dean Chi, could it be that the group of bandits remaining now are the group led by the First Leader?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"Exactly." Chi Ming replied then reminded. "Duan Ling Tian, Luo Zhan and Zhang Yan have already found the location of the First Leader of the bandits and his group... But, they're both unwilling to join forces, so they've been constantly at a stalemate while hiding in the shadows."

"After all, if they joined forces, then even if they killed the First Leader of the bandits, the points would be shared equally... Of

course, what was most important was that even if they joined forces, they weren't certain in being able to kill the First Leader of the bandits!"

Chi Ming's words caused Duan Ling Tian's figure to shake.

Crazy Young Master and Flame Young Master had already found the location of the bandit's First Leader?

Looks like I have to make the best use of my time.

Two days later, Duan Ling Tian had finally found the location the First Leader of the bandits was hiding.

Presently, outside the gorge that the First Leader of the bandits was hiding in.

Besides Duan Ling Tian, there was also Crazy Young Master, Sword Young Master, and Flame Young master hiding here.

Besides Chai Jin's points being cleaned out to zero and was automatically disqualified, all the other first level Void Prying Stage students of the academy were all gathered here.

"Continuing on like this is useless... The mission this time will end in a day." When he saw Duan Ling Tian arriving late, the Sword Young Master, Chen Shao Shuai, spoke out to break the silence.

"If that First Leader is a fourth level Void Prying Stage martial artist, then unless the four of us join forces, otherwise, it's utterly impossible for us to kill him!" said Luo Zhan.

"I have no objections," said Zhang Yan.

In next to no time, the gazes of the three shot at Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian glanced indifferently at the three of them, then he shrugged. "I'm sorry, I'm not interested!"

Not interested?

Duan Ling Tian's words caused the three of them to be stunned.

Flame Young Master's face sank. "Duan Ling Tian, even if just one of the four of us is lacking, it would probably be difficult for us to take the First Leader down! Even if the four of us attacked together, we don't have sufficient certainty.

"If you don't work together with us, then even if the mission time ends, that First Leader of the bandits would surely still be well and living... At that time, the academy would very likely determine our missions have failed!"

Mission failure!

Flame Young Master's words caused the expressions of Crazy Young Master and Sword Young Master to become serious.

If the mission this time was really determined to be a failure by the academy because the First Leader of the bandits was alive, then their actions earlier would be seen as useless.

Let alone fight for the Void Refining Fruit.

"I know that there's some conflicts between us... But I hope you won't be petty at this time!" The gaze Flame Young Master shot at Duan Ling Tian became fierce.

"Petty?" Duan Ling Tian laughed and glanced deeply at Zhang Yan. "Flame Young Master, you think too much of yourself... It isn't because of the conflict between you and me that I don't want to join forces with all of you.

"It's instead because I feel there's no need! I alone am sufficient to annihilate the First Leader of the bandits!" Duan Ling Tian's voice was filled with confidence.

It caused Crazy Young Master, Sword Young Master, and Flame Young Master's faces to freeze.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian was able to feel three pairs of doubtful gazes.

The corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth lightly curled up as a

wisp of an indifferent smile appeared.

The facts would prove everything.

Whoosh!

In the next moment, Duan Ling Tian moved.

He flashed into the gorge that the bandit's First Leader and his subordinates hid in.

"Duan Ling Tian is simply courting death!" When he saw Duan Ling Tian really charging in, Flame Young had an expression of disdain.

"I'm going to watch as well." Sword Young Master's figure flashed and he followed up.

Crazy Young Master followed closely behind.

"I want to properly watch the scene of Duan Ling Tian being saved from the hands of the First Leader of the bandits by Vice Dean Chi... At that time, Duan Ling Tian's points will be reduced to zero!" Flame Young master followed up, and he had an expression of taking pleasure in Duan Ling Tian's misfortune.

He'd never thought that Duan Ling Tian would be able to kill the First Leader of the bandits.

Although Duan Ling Tian had fought him to a tie that day, he didn't use Force or a Spirit Weapon that day.

As far as he was concerned, his Force might be inferior to Duan Ling Tian.

But his strength was instead comparable to Duan Ling Tian's strength and force together.

Whereas as the Third Prince of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial Family, he possessed a grade five spirit weapon.

This was something that was too high for Duan Ling Tian to reach!

After Duan Ling Tian entered the gorge, he noticed that besides Vice Dean Chi, Crazy Young Master's group of three had followed as well.

He couldn't help but frown.

"Vice Dean Chi, if I kill that First Leader of the bandits... Would they be able to reap the rewards of my victory and slaughter those other bandits?" Duan Ling Tian sent a voice transmission to ask Chi Ming who was concealed at the side.

No matter how small a mosquito was, it was still meat!

Perhaps, the mission points from a single bandit was little, but when added together, it was undoubtedly an extremely considerable number.

Just like the 378 points Duan Ling Tian possessed currently.

Amongst these points, the three Void Prying Stage martial artists only gave him 60 points, and the remaining points were all from the other bandits.

"Even if it's the First Leader, he's only worth 200 points. Perhaps, he isn't worth more than the group of bandits subordinate to him..." Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

He didn't wish for someone to reap the benefits of his victory.

"Logically speaking, doing this can't be considered to be going against the rules... If you have the confidence to kill the First Leader, then try your best to kill more of the other bandits with comparatively stronger strengths." Chi Ming replied via voice transmission.

Although he felt it was unbelievable that Duan Ling Tian wanted to challenge the bandit's First Leader by himself, but when he thought of Duan Ling Tian's mysteriousness, he had an extra sense of anticipation in his heart.

"I can only do that." Duan Ling Tian wasn't surprised when he obtained the answer.

"Kill!" Duan Ling Tian's gaze went cold as his figure flashed out, and he seemed to have transformed into a gale that swept towards the bandits nearby the entrance to the gorge.

As expected of the bandit lair that is led by the First Leader of the bandits.

There was a Half-step Void Stage bandit and two ninth level Nascent Soul Stage bandits amongst these bandits.

The bandits only reacted when Duan Ling Tian appeared before them, and they instantly attacked Duan Ling Tian.

In the sky, numerous lifelike ancient mammoth silhouettes condensed into form...

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Unfortunately, their speeds were nothing worth mentioning when compared with Duan Ling Tian.

Swish!

With just a swing of his sword, Duan Ling Tian had annihilated these bandits.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian charged into the gorge, and all the bandits within the gorge were alarmed.

"Kill him!"

"Kill!"

...

The eyes of the bandits went red as they charged desperately towards Duan Ling Tian.

Origin Energy skyrocketed atop the sabers in the hands of the bandits as they flashed out fiercely.

But unfortunately, no matter how many there were of them, they

were bound to be the souls of the dead under Duan Ling Tian's sword.

Killing a man every ten steps, unhindered for a thousand miles!

This saying was exactly portrayed by the current Duan Ling Tian.

Kill! Kill! Kill!

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The sword in Duan Ling Tian's hand was like a death god's scythe, the brush of the judge that decided life and death.

Every time he attacked, it would take away the life of one or more bandits!

It wasn't long before nearly half of the bandits in the gorge were killed by Duan Ling Tian.

Because of Chi Ming's reminder, almost all the bandits Duan Ling Tian killed were at the eighth level of the Nascent Soul Stage or above, and there was even three first level Void Prying Stage elite bandits amongst them.

Relying on his Spiritual Force to judge the cultivation of the bandits caused the entire process to be exceedingly easy.

In a short moment of time, the strongest amongst the remaining bandits were only at the seventh level of the Nascent Soul Stage.

These bandits were scared shitless by Duan Ling Tian and all of them retreated.

"Who?!" Right at this moment, a swift figure dashed out from within the cave, and in the sky, 7,500 ancient mammoth silhouettes dashed out behind him.

The person that arrived emitted waves of a vast and majestic aura...

This aura came from the strand of earthen yellow energy on the Origin Energy on the person that had arrived.

Earth Force!

"Fifth level of the Void Prying Stage? Half-step Advanced Earth Force?" Without using his Spiritual Force to detect it, Duan Ling Tian was able to discern the strength of the person who'd arrived just from the 7,500 ancient mammoth silhouettes that the person had condensed into form from drawing upon the energy of heaven and earth.

In next to no time, a curly bearded man in a grey robe appeared before Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian knew that this person ought to be the First

Leader of the bandits.

When the curly bearded man saw the corpses that covered the floor, crimson red suffused his eyes.

Subsequently, he stared fixedly at Duan Ling Tian and shouted out angrily. "Kid, you killed my brothers... You deserve death!"

Whereas now, Chi Ming who was concealed in the shadows went gloomy.

"Fifth level of the Void Prying Stage! This First Leader of the bandits has actually broken through?" The breakthrough of the bandit's First Leader had exceeded his expectations.

Although even if the First Leader had broken through, he was nothing in Chi Ming's eyes...

But to Duan Ling Tian, it undoubtedly brought about an even greater level of difficulty.

Now, he'd already accumulated strength while waiting to attack out, and he was prepared to save Duan Ling Tian at any moment.

Although in this way, Duan Ling Tian's score would be wiped clean, and perhaps would cause the Void Refining Fruit to slip past Duan Ling Tian's fingers, but this was still better than being killed.

Only when one was alive did one have hope.

"Fifth level of the Void Prying Stage!" Crazy Young Master, Sword Young Master, and Flame Young Master that were hiding in the shadows like Chi Ming went pale.

They originally thought that the First Leader of the bandits was only at the fourth level of the Void Prying Stage, and this was why thoughts of joining forces arose within their hearts.

But now, when they saw the fifth level Void Prying Stage cultivation of the bandit's First Leader, they were completely dumbstruck.

At the same time, strands of coldness arose within their hearts.

As far as they were concerned, since the First Leader of the bandits was at the fifth level of the Void Prying Stage, then even if they'd joined forces with Duan Ling Tian, it would still be impossible for them to be a match for him.

At that time, they might even have approached a situation that was deathly dangerous because of this and make the person behind them that was responsible for recording their scores to save them.

Whereas their scores would be reduced to zero.

"Duan Ling Tian, I really should thank you for protecting my points." Flame Young Master's eyes flashed and he was slightly

taking pleasure in Duan Ling Tian's misfortune.

But in the next moment, he was dumbstruck.

Within Flame Young Master's field of vision, the First Leader's figure flashed and had gone berserk as he attacked Duan Ling Tian.

In the sky, 7,500 ancient mammoth silhouettes dashed out.

It was at this moment, as if they'd discussed it earlier, all the 7,500 ancient mammoth silhouettes dispersed at the same time within an instant, and they vanished without a trace.

Whereas the First Leader's figure stopped halfway and was staring blankly on the spot.

Whoosh!

In next to no time, he saw Duan Ling Tian attack.

Tempest Point!

With a raise of his hand, Duan Ling Tian pointed out and a piercing howl sounded out.

As the Origin Energy point force shot out from the top of his finger, the Half-step Advanced Wind Force and Half-step Advanced

Lightning Force suffused into it.

Swish!

Hiss~

With only a single point, he's pierced through the throat of the bandit's First Leader.

Bang!

Subsequently, a bloody hole appeared on the throat of the First Leader, and his body crashed to the ground.

"You... You..." He struggled to raise his head, then he pointed at Duan Ling Tian, and his eyes were filled with despair and unwillingness.

The First Leader of the bandits struggled for a moment before his head fell down fiercely, and he was completely devoid of any signs of life.

Dead!

Duan Ling Tian had a calm expression as he looked at the scene before him, and he wasn't surprised.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, I'm tired, I want to sleep." Right at this moment, the little gold mouse's exhausted voice transmission sounded out by Duan Ling Tian's ears.

"Okay, rest well." Duan Ling Tian replied as he strokes the little gold mouse on his shoulder.

Only he knew that the reason he was able to kill the First Leader of the bandits was all because of the little gold mouse's contribution.

At the critical moment, the little gold mouse had executed her soul skill, Soul Shaker, in a timely manner, causing the First Leader to instantly become dazed, and it gave Duan Ling Tian an opportunity to take advantage of.

The instant the First Leader was affected by the little gold mouse's Soul Shake soul skill, it was equivalent to losing all guard and to become a sheep waiting to be slaughtered, a piece of fish of the chopping block,

Duan Ling Tian had killed him with just a finger.

"This..." Chi Ming's eyes sprang wide open like saucers.

Although his heart contained a trace of imagination, and he felt that perhaps Duan Ling Tian would be able to bring him a pleasant surprise, but he never imagined that this pleasant surprise would be so shocking!

A fifth level Void Prying Stage martial artist.

Duan Ling Tian didn't even use a spirit sword or Force, and he'd only used a pure Origin Energy point force that kill the martial artist.

He saw it clearly, the strength of that finger force of Duan Ling Tian's was only comparable to the strength of 2,000 ancient mammoths, and Duan Ling Tian had relied on this strength to kill a fifth level Void Prying Stage martial artist that had comprehended Half-step Earth Force...

If he didn't see it with his own two eyes, he wouldn't believe it was real even if someone bashed him to death!

As for the Crazy Young Master, Sword Young Master, and Flame Young Master, they were completely dumbstruck.

At the first possible moment, the same thought arose in their hearts.

Motherf**ker! Were they putting on a play?

Otherwise, why did the bandit First Leader suddenly stop and disperse his Origin Energy?

The scene from before caused them to feel disbelief.

After a short moment, Crazy Young Master was the first to recover from his shock, and he pounced towards the remaining bandits.

There were still many bandits remaining as Duan Ling Tian had only killed less than half earlier.

After Crazy Young Master made a move, Sword Young Master and Flame Young Master recovered from their shock as well, and they both pounced onto the remaining bandits.

For a time, the shrill cries of the bandits sounded out without end, and it rose and fell continuously.

Only Duan Ling Tian turned around and walked out without the slightest interest.

He left Crazy Young Master, Sword Young Master, and Flame Young Master to launch a one sided slaughter on the group of bandits.

"Duan Ling Tian, aren't you afraid they'll surpass you?" Chi Ming couldn't help but be stunned when he saw Duan Ling Tian's actions.

After all, although all of these were only ordinary bandits, they were superior because of their great number...

"Tell me that when they surpass me." Duan Ling Tian shrugged and had an indifferent expression.

At the beginning, Chi Ming didn't understand the meaning within Duan Ling Tian's words.

But in next to no time, he came to realize the truth.

He noticed to his astonishment that amongst the group of bandits that Crazy Young Master, Sword Young Master, and Flame Young Master were killing, the bandit with the strongest strength was only at the seventh level of the Nascent Soul Stage...

When all of the bandits had died at the hands of Crazy Young Master's group of three, Chi Ming's heart shook.

"Could it be that Duan Ling Tian killed all of the bandits with a cultivation at the eighth level of the Nascent Soul Stage and above earlier?" An absurd thought suddenly emerged within his heart.

During the chaotic battle earlier, many bandits hadn't even had the time to attack.

It was difficult for him to imagine that under such circumstances, Duan Ling Tian was still able to kill all the bandits at the eighth level of the Nascent Soul Stage and above.

At this moment, he knew that Duan Ling Tian was the worthy number one in the mission this time!

"They're actually all at the seventh level of the Nascent Soul Stage or below." Flame Young Master had an unsightly expression as he glanced fiercely at the distant Duan Ling Tian, "This Duan Ling Tian's luck is really good, all the bandits with a high cultivation have actually been killed by him."

During the experience mission this time, the lower the cultivation of the bandit killed, the lower the points obtained.

Especially bandits that haven't even stepped into the eighth level of the Nascent Soul Stage, they were even lower in points.

Luck?

When they heard Zhang Yan, both Crazy Young Master and Sword Young Master disapproved.

They didn't think that this was Duan Ling Tian's luck.

At this moment, the gazes they looked at Duan Ling Tian with were filled with terror.

They knew that Duan Ling Tian was far more terrifying than they'd imagined...

So long as they recalled the scene from before, they couldn't help but shiver.

The First Leader of the bandits, a fifth level Void Prying Stage martial artist that had even comprehended Half-step Advanced Earth Force, actually didn't have the chance to attack before Duan Ling Tian.

At that instant, the First Leader of the bandits seemed as if he'd suddenly lost his soul, and was at Duan Ling Tian's mercy.

In next to no time, the two of them seemed to have thought of something at the same time, and they looked at each other.

"Could it be Duan Ling Tian's demonic technique?"

"Looks like Flute Fairy wasn't putting on a show with Duan Ling Tian that day... Perhaps Duan Ling Tian really does know demonic techniques!"

Sword Young Master and Crazy Young Master communicated via voice transmission, and they quickly confirmed this fact.

After all, the scene from before was truly too unbelievable.

If they were to look at it according to conventional logic, it was practically impossible for the same to occur.

So they could only determine that it was Duan Ling Tian executing his demonic technique.

Moreover, it wasn't the first time that Duan Ling Tian had executed his demonic technique.

But they just didn't believe it the other time.

This time, they had no choice but to believe it.

"At the instant that First Leader of the bandits was driven to distraction, there was no fluctuation of inscriptions... In other words, Duan Ling Tian didn't utilize an inscription." Chi Ming's heart shook. "Could it be that he really knows demonic techniques?"

That day, he'd noticed the scene of Flute Fairy, Zi Yan, losing her composure in the Inner Hall.

At that time, he didn't believe Duan Ling Tian knew demonic techniques just like everyone else.

But now...

He had no choice but to have doubts.

Chapter 531: Number One

No matter how Chi Ming and the others thought, Duan Ling Tian had indeed killed the fifth level Void Prying Stage First Leader of the bandits.

Although the process was bizarre, they were unable to discern that Duan Ling Tian had used an external source of strength.

Once the bandit's First Leader perished, the remaining bandits were only strays that were scattered all about, and they were unable to cause any more trouble.

In next to no time, the mission this time was officially brought to a successful close.

The group of students once again gathered outside Blackwind Ridge and prepared to return to the Dragon and Phoenix Academy in the Imperial City.

"Eh, where're Liu Yue and the others from the Azure Forest Tri-Sect?" Before long, some students noticed that some people were missing.

Amongst the people present, besides the few disciples from the Azure Forest Tri-Sect, everyone had arrived.

"It's true... Liu Yue and the others have gone missing!" Many students exclaimed in surprise.

Duan Ling Tian's brows raised and he imperceptibly met gazes with Chi Ming.

"You were responsible for recording the score of Liu Yue's group... What's going on?" Chi Ming looked at a middle aged man in black clothes and asked in a low voice.

The black clothed middle aged man sighed. "Vice Dean, early this morning, those Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciples didn't heed my advice and wandered arbitrarily in Blackwind Ridge... I didn't follow after them."

Chi Ming frowned, then said with a low voice, "You and a few more people go look for them again."

"Yes." A few black clothed middle aged men left together.

These black clothed middle aged men were the people that followed behind the group of students into Blackwind Ridge and were responsible to record the mission results of the students.

"Let's return first." Under Chi Ming's lead, Duan Ling Tian and the other left Blackwind Ridge and headed towards the Imperial City.

All along the way, Duan Ling Tian could notice the gazes that frequently descended onto him.

Besides the Vice Dean, Chi Ming, the owners of these gazes was Crazy Young Master, Sword Young Master, Flame Young Master, and Flute Fairy.

Especially that Flute Fairy, Zi Yan, looked at him with a slightly complicated gaze.

Duan Ling Tian was able to guess that perhaps Flute Fairy already knew about the matter of him killing the First Leader of the bandits.

Duan Ling Tian wasn't wrong. Flute Fairy did indeed already know of this matter, and it was Flame Young Master that told her via voice transmission.

"His demonic technique is actually able to help him kill the Fifth Leader of the bandits that's at the fifth level of the Void Prying Stage?" Flute Fairy's heart trembled as her beautiful face slightly went grim.

Although she wasn't the only one in the academy that agreed that Duan Ling Tian knew demonic techniques anymore, she was instead unable to feel happy.

The stronger Duan Ling Tian's strength was, it would mean the more danger her brother, Zither Young Master, was in.

After all, her brother's goal was precisely to overcome Duan Ling Tian's demonic technique and defeat Duan Ling Tian...

Whereas now, Duan Ling Tian was actually even able to kill a fifth level Void Prying Stage martial artist, and her heart was filled with worry towards her brother, Zither Young Master.

Blackwind Ridge wasn't far from the Imperial City, and Duan Ling Tian and the others quickly returned to the Imperial City and to Dragon and Phoenix Academy.

At the center square of Dragon and Phoenix Academy, besides the students from the Azure Forest Tri-Sect, all the other students were gathered here.

Whereas now, the Vice Dean, Chi Ming, stood before everyone, and he held a small book in his hand.

On it was the records of everyone's scores.

Presently, besides Crazy Young Master, Sword Young Master, Flame Young Master, and Flute Fairy, everyone was looking at Chi Ming in anticipation.

They wanted to know who exactly obtained the number one position in the experience mission this time!

After all, the person that obtains the highest points during the experience mission this time would be able to obtain a Void Refining Fruit...

"I wonder which Void Prying Stage student obtained the number one position?"

"At any rate, it surely isn't Chai Jin!"

"Eh, you've heard of the incident with Chai Jin as well?"

"Of course! I'm afraid amongst the people present now, there's probably only a few people that don't know Chai Jin mistakenly entered into a bandit lair and almost died at the hands of the bandit's Fifth Leader..."

"Chai Jin is really unfortunate. Almost 100 points are gone with the wind just like this."

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Many Outer Hall students discussed animatedly.

Chai Jin stood in the ranks of the Inner Hall students, as he listened to these irritating whispers of discussion, it caused him to be angered to the point his figure trembled, and his expression as unsightly to the extreme.

At this moment, he felt too ashamed to show his face.

As a Void Prying Stage Inner Hall student, he'd obtained a zero in the experience mission this time, and he was bound to become a

joke.

"Everyone did well this time... Besides some people that didn't heed advice and wandered arbitrarily in Blackwind Ridge!" Chi Ming spoke slowly, and an expression of rage appeared on his face as he finished speaking.

Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but laugh to himself when he saw this scene.

If that Liu Yue and the others were to hear Chi Ming's words now, then even if they were on the path to hell, they would probably be enraged to the point their lungs exploded, right?

"Calm your anger Vice Dean Chi, there's no need to be angry for the sake of a few people that don't abide by the rules." Many students persuaded Chi Ming.

Chi Ming's gloomy expression gradually eased up, and this caused Duan Ling Tian to be unable to refrain from sighing with emotion.

This Vice Dean Chi really knows how to act. Just from the surface, one can't perceive a single flaw.

If he wasn't a concerned party, perhaps he would be deceived.

"The person that obtained the number one rank in the experience mission this time has already been decided..." Chi Ming spoke once

more, and he stopped at the critical moment, successfully attracting the gazes of everyone.

"The person whose points is the highest obtained 736 points! It's precisely the Inner Hall student, Duan Ling Tian!" Chi Ming announced in one go.

Instantly, the gazes of everyone including Crazy Young Master and the others who were mentally prepared since long ago had descended onto Duan Ling Tian.

736 points!

Number one!

Duan Ling Tian had become the center of attention as expected.

"736 points... Duan Ling Tian is really abnormal!"

"Yeah! I and my small team worked together and used all out energy, yet we only gathered 32 points. Moreover, it's team points. Duan Ling Tian instead obtained 736 points by himself."

"As expected of the matchless genius martial artist of our Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom!"

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The sounds of praise rose and fell.

The gazes of all the Outer Hall students were filled with reverence as they looked at Duan Ling Tian.

Perhaps, if Duan Ling Tian was only slightly stronger to them, and they had the chance to chase after Duan Ling Tian, they would rouse feelings of envy within them.

But Duan Ling Tian's current accomplishments were something they were too behind to catch up to.

So they only had reverence when facing Duan Ling Tian.

"Duan Ling Tian's natural talent in the Martial Dao had always been exceedingly monstrous... Once he consumes the Void Refining Fruit this time, I wonder what extent his strength will attain?"

"Yeah... At that time, on the stage of the Darkstone Empire, Duan Ling Tian might have the chance to head to the Darkhan Dynasty to obtain the qualifications to compete at the Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties."

"If he's really able to advance to the Darkhan Dynasty, then our Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom would obtain great honor!"

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At the same time that many Outer Hall students whispered in discussion, they had expressions of anticipation.

"As for the others, so long as you have points, you can head to the Swimming Dragon Hall tomorrow and exchange for cultivation methods, martial skills, medicinal pills, spirit weapons, etc... At that time, the points of every one of you will be displayed on the bulletin board at the door of the Swimming Dragon Hall." As Chi Ming finished speaking, he waved his hand. "Disperse."

The group of students dispersed, and for a time, only Duan Ling Tian and Chi Ming remained.

"Duan Ling Tian, I'll make a trip to the Imperial Palace to get the Void Refining Fruit now, I'll pass it to you in the afternoon," said Chi Ming to Duan Ling Tian.

"Thank you, Vice Dean Chi." Duan Ling Tian nodded, then said, "Vice Dean Chi, may I know what type of grade four spirit weapon you want?"

Grade four spirit weapon!

Chi Ming's gaze blazed, and with a raise of his hand, a glove appeared in his hand...

"Grade six spirit weapon." With just a glance, Duan Ling Tian had recognized the grade of this spirit weapon glove.

The glove was dark gray and made of special materials that were very extraordinary.

"If it's possible, I hope you can tell that Weapons Craftsman to refine a grade four spirit weapon for me according to this glove." Chi Ming passed the glove in his hand to Duan Ling Tian.

"Alright." Duan Ling Tian nodded. "In another few days, I'll go look for that Weapons Craftsman and see what materials he needs..."

"Sorry for troubling you." Chi Ming smiled lightly, then bid his farewells before turning and leaving.

When he left, Chi Ming's face revealed slight excitement.

Although he was a Revered Elder of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial Family, he only had a grade six spirit weapon with an amplification of 38%.

Presently, he had the opportunity to obtain a grade four spirit weapon that provided a 60% amplification, and it caused him to be wildly delighted.

So long as he changed his spirit weapon, his strength would be able to improve by the strength of almost two ancient horned dragons...

What sort of notion was that?

After Chi Ming left, Duan Ling Tian returned to the Inner Hall.

He'd only just entered into the Inner Hall when he noticed a burning gaze...

It was precisely Flame Young Master.

"Duan Ling Tian!" Suddenly, a sonorous voice sounded out by Duan Ling Tian's ears.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian saw that Flame Young Master left his own courtyard and walked over, then looked at him. "I'm interested in that Void Refining Fruit... State a price."

Duan Ling Tian stopped his footsteps and raised his head to look at Zhang Yang before saying indifferently. "I'm extremely interested in the Void Refining Fruit as well... If you're able to find one more for me, you can state any price."

"You..." Zhang Yan's face sank and was slightly angry from embarrassment.

"If you don't have anything else you need, then don't block my way." Duan Ling Tian's gaze seemed to have an extra sense of coldness.

Zhang Yan's heart jerked.

Only now did he remember the scene of Duan Ling Tian killing the First Leader of the bandits at Blackwind Ridge this morning...

This Duan Ling Tian was even able to kill a fifth level Void Prying Stage martial artist.

At this moment, even though Zhang Yan was unwilling, he could only move aside.

This morning, after the First Leader of the bandits was killed by Duan Ling Tian, he knew that he was far from a match for Duan Ling Tian.

Even to the extent that Duan Ling Tian had already held back when fighting him the other time.

Otherwise, once Duan Ling Tian executed that demonic technique, he would probably be completely crushed by Duan Ling Tian in a single move.

"Looks like Little Gold is really tired." After he returned to his room, Duan Ling Tian grabbed the little gold mouse that lay on his shoulder and lightly placed her on the table.

"It was all thanks to Little Gold today... Otherwise, it would be impossible for me to kill the bandit's Fifth Leader! I truly never imagined that the First Leader of the bandits was actually a fifth

level Void Prying Stage martial artist." When he recalled the scene from this morning, Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but sigh.

"But, it was fortunate that the First Leader of the bandits wasn't an Inscription Master at the first level of the Void Initiation Stage or above, or an ordinary martial artist at the second level of the Void Initiation Stage..."

Chapter 532: Unintentional Events

After all, the little gold mouse's Spiritual Force was only at the first level of the Void Initiation Stage now, and its limitations were extremely great.

Afternoon that day, Chi Ming came over and passed the Void Refining Fruit to Duan Ling Tian.

The Void Refining Fruit was completely milky white, crystalline and translucent.

With just a glance, it would cause one's mouth to drool with envy.

Duan Ling Tian sat cross-legged on the bed. He consumed a Void Condensing Pill after consuming the Void Refining Fruit, and then he started cultivating.

Along with the medicinal strength of the Void Condensing Pill and Void Refining Fruit fusing into his body, the Origin Energy in Duan Ling Tian's body started to strengthen endlessly...

Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique, Lightning Wyrms Form!

Duan Ling Tian circulated his mental cultivation method, and the Origin Energy in his body ceaselessly strengthened and improved, as if it never knew of exhaustion.

In his cultivation, Duan Ling Tian forgot the time.

Whereas Duan Ling Tian's cultivation was undergoing a tremendous change.

It wasn't long before Duan Ling Tian's cultivation at the first level of the Void Prying Stage had arrived at its extreme bottleneck, and then it broke through the bottleneck to step into the second level of the Void Prying Stage!

After he broke through to the second level of the Void Prying Stage, the medicinal strength of the Void Condensing Pill and Void Refining Pill was still powerful, and they fused into Duan Ling Tian's Origin Energy to continue circulating with the Lightning Wurm Method's mental cultivation method.

After an unknown amount of time, Duan Ling Tian stopped cultivating when he felt the Origin Energy in his body had the feeling of being saturated.

Haste doesn't bring success!

At the same time, he was able to feel clearly that there was still a large amount of the medicinal strength of the Void Refining Fruit remaining and was hidden within his Dantian.

Whereas the medicinal strength of the Void Condensing Pill was instead completely absorbed by him.

"Once I completely assimilate the medicinal strength of the Void Refining Fruit, I ought to be able to break through to the third level of the Void Prying Stage or even higher in a short amount of time!" Duan Ling Tian opened his eyes, and flowing lights flashed within.

"My Spiritual Force has broken through a level along with my cultivation... Presently, my Spiritual Force is still two levels higher than my cultivation. The fourth level of the Void Prying Stage." Duan Ling Tian revealed a smile.

Needless to say, his gains this time were extremely great.

"Squeak squeak~" A wave of cries sounded out by his ears, and only now did Duan Ling Tian notice that the little gold mouse had already awoken since an unknown time.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, I'm hungry, I'm hungry..." The little gold mouse's voice transmission was extremely urgent.

Duan Ling Tian shook his head and smiled, then he got off the bed and opened the room door before walking into the courtyard. "I'll go ask them to prepare good food for us now... Actually, I'm hungry as well."

Whoosh!

The little gold mouse transformed into a gold light that firmly descended onto Duan Ling Tian's shoulder.

After a short moment, Duan Ling Tian and the little gold mouse ate delicious delicacies.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian took the opportunity to ask the worker about the time.

The answer he obtained had exceeded Duan Ling Tian's expectations. "I've actually cultivated for 10 days? In other words, I can go out again now."

At the first possible moment, Duan Ling Tian thought of the Guild Master of the Weapons Craftsmen Guild, Luo Rong.

According to the agreement between him and Luo Rong, he would go guide Luo Rong in the Dao of Weapons Refinement every month.

"Little Gold, quickly finish your food. Let's go out," said Duan Ling Tian to the little gold mouse.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse nodded excitedly, then started gobbling down her food.

After a short moment, she'd completely cleaned up the two portions of delicacies.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian brought along the little gold

mouse and left Dragon and Phoenix Academy.

When he left this time, Duan Ling Tian felt his mind was refreshed.

It wasn't only because his cultivation and Spiritual Force had attained a breakthrough, it was even more because he noticed no one was following him...

"Time is still sufficient, let's go around the Imperial City." Duan Ling Tian was clear that the two great Guardian Elders of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect were trapped into the Inscription Formation by him.

So the members of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect ought to not carry out any great movements against him in the short time.

So, he had no worries.

"Squeak squeak~" Suddenly, the little gold mouse cried out and asked curiously via voice transmission. "Big Brother Ling Tian, what place is this? It's so fragrant..."

The little gold mouse on Duan Ling Tian's shoulder sized up the luxurious building before her with interest.

Duan Ling Tian glanced over and saw the large words on the plaque — Spring Night House!

Presently, at the entrance of the Spring Night House stood a group of woman with heavy makeup that were ceaselessly pulling on people that passed by as they spoke and giggled with pleasant voices.

Their targets had a similarity, they were all men!

Duan Ling Tian was naturally able to guess what this place was a 'flower shop,' a brothel than men sought for pleasure at.

"Spring Night House... This name is rather similar to the Spring Breeze House of Black Armor City." Duan Ling Tian's face revealed a trace of reminiscence.

That time when he was still in the Crimson Sky Kingdom's Aurora City, he'd joined the Iron Blood Army's Genius Camp for the sake of obtaining a spot in Paladin Academy.

During the days in the Genius Camp, he'd passed through many types of tests along the way.

In the end, the final test he face was to go to the neighboring kingdom's Black Armor City to drive a wedge between the Lian Clan and the Black Armor Army.

At that time, he used the Black Armor Army Commander's only son's weak point of being fond of women to successfully complete the mission.

"Genius Camp..." Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but sigh.

When he recollected the numerous scenes from that time, it seemed as if it was yesterday, but in fact, many years had passed instead.

"Young Master, have you come to have fun? You're rather handsome, how about I accompany you?" A woman with heavy makeup walked out from the Spring Night House, then walked towards Duan Ling Tian and smiled seductively as she moved to grab Duan Ling Tian's hand.

Duan Ling Tian frowned and his figure flashed to avoid the woman.

The woman frowned before grinning as she grunted. "Hmph! If you aren't here to have fun, then why are you staring blankly at the door of our Spring Night House? Go away!"

Duan Ling Tian didn't intend to fuss about it, and he intended to turn around and leave.

Whoosh!

Right at this moment, Duan Ling Tian heard a wave of piercingly cold sounds of the wind sound out from behind him.

Slap!

Subsequently, a clear sound of a slap sounded out.

"Young.... Young Master Chen, why... Why did you hit me?" At the same time, Duan Ling Tian heard the voice of the prostitute who assumed a haughty air earlier.

But, the voice of the prostitute now instead revealed humbleness that came from the heart.

"Lowly servant! Do you know who he is? Do you think a person like you can mock him?" Subsequently, a familiar voice entered into Duan Ling Tian's ears.

Duan Ling Tian who originally intended to leave heard this voice, and then his body stopped moving before turning around.

With just a glance Duan Ling Tian saw the Sword Young Master, Chen Shao Shuai, whose clothes weren't clean and tidy.

Presently, a woman with a delicate and pretty appearance hung on Sword Young Master's body.

This woman was much more beautiful than the woman with heavy makeup.

The expression of the woman with heavy makeup went pale

when she heard Sword Young Master.

"Sword Young Master, who's this Young Master? I'm extremely curious." The woman who had her hands coiled over Chen Shao Shuai's neck and hung on him, spoke with a pleasant and light voice as she asked.

"His surname is Duan, what do you think?" Sword Young Master lowered his head to kiss the woman's cheek.

"Duan?" The woman's face froze when she heard this, then said in astonishment after a short while. "Could it be that he's the Seven Star Sword Sect genius disciple Duan Ling Tian? The most monstrous genius martial artist that is publically acknowledge in our Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom?"

"Exactly." Sword Young Master nodded then looked at Duan Ling Tian. "Duan Ling Tian, since you come to the door of Spring Night House, want to go in with me and play? It's my treat, how about it?"

Duan Ling Tian smiled indifferently. "Sword Young Master, I appreciate your kindness, but I don't like these type of places..."

Sword Young Master glanced deeply at Duan Ling Tian when he heard this.

Subsequently, Sword Young Master's gaze descended onto Duan Ling Tian's nether regions, and asked with a deep meaning hidden

within his words. "Duan Ling Tian, it wouldn't be that you have something wrong in that department?"

"F**k off!" Duan Ling Tian said angrily, "You have something wrong in that department! You should control yourself, watch out or you might empty your body and affect your cultivation..."

After he finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian turned around and left, and he didn't pay any attention to Sword Young Master anymore.

But the chance encounter today had imperceptibly pulled closer the distance between the two of them.

The woman in heavy makeup was scared to the point her figure trembled when she found out of Duan Ling Tian's identity.

Although she was a prostitute, she'd heard of the rumors that gave rise to much discussion in the Imperial City.

The former disciple of the Seven Star Sword Sect, Duan Ling Tian, had obtained the first in the experience mission of the Dragon and Phoenix Academy this time, and had obtained a spirit fruit that Void Prying Stage experts coveted.

A figure like this only had to say a single word to make her die a graveless death.

When she saw Duan Ling Tian turn around and leave, and he

didn't fuss about it with her.

Bang!

She was unable to hold on any longer, she fell to the ground, and her countenance that was ghastly pale to the extreme had recovered slightly.

Whereas the surrounding spectators reacted to what had just happened.

"So he's Duan Ling Tian!"

"As expected of the publically acknowledged number one genius in the history of our Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom... He's really young!"

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The crowd of people watched Duan Ling Tian walk off into the distance, and they only gradually dispersed after Duan Ling Tian's figure vanished before their eyes.

"Little beauty, let's continue!" The Sword Young Master embraced the woman in his arms and fiercely kissed her before flying up into the Spring Night House.

The door of the Spring Night House returned to calm once again.

"You can f**k off! In the future, our Spring Night House doesn't have a person like you anymore." Right at this moment, a woman that looked like a madam walked out from the Spring Night House, and she had an unsightly expression as she angrily rebuked the woman with heavy makeup that was on the ground.

"This is your indenture contract, scram quickly... I'll take it as I'm f**king unfortunate!" Obviously, the madam was afraid that Duan Ling Tian would come get even later.

The woman looked at the indenture contract in her hand, and she wasn't able to recover from her shock for a long time.

She never imagined that she would actually get a blessing in disguise!

During these past few years, her greatest desire was to earn sufficient money and buy back her freedom.

But until now, the money she'd collected was utterly inadequate.

Today, a great pie had fallen onto her head just like this.

Under numerous strange gazes, the woman with heavy makeup knelt on the floor and respectfully kowtowed three times towards the end of the street.

Only she knew why she was kowtowing and to whom.

Duan Ling Tian naturally didn't know about all this.

Duan Ling Tian had walked around for the entire morning, and after he had a meal at a restaurant, he'd once again arrived at the Weapons Craftsmen Guild's Main Guild.

It was still that beautiful woman that respectfully and reverently brought Duan Ling Tian to the third floor.

"Guest, you can enter yourself." The beautiful woman told Duan Ling Tian respectfully before turning around her well-shaped delicate figure and left.

Duan Ling Tian nodded then lifted the curtain on the third floor before walking in with large strides.

"Duan Ling Tian!" Duan Ling Tian had only just entered when he heard a surprised voice sound out from within.

Chapter 533: Crazy Young Master's Shock

Duan Ling Tian had only heard his voice but not seen him, yet Duan Ling Tian was able to confirm that the owner of the voice wasn't the Guild Master of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Weapons Craftsmen Guild, Luo Rong.

This was the voice of a young man.

Moreover, in this instant, Duan Ling Tian felt the voice to be extremely familiar.

When Duan Ling Tian raised his head, he saw a familiar figure.

"Crazy Young Master?" Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but be stunned when he saw the young man before him.

The person that stood before him was none other than the Crazy Young Master, Luo Zhan, that was a Dragon and Phoenix Academy student as well.

At the time, Luo Zhan was also the first ranked amongst the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's five great young masters.

Never had Duan Ling Tian imagined that he would encounter Luo Zhan here.

"Luo Zhan, Luo Rong... Could it be...?" Duan Ling Tian thought

in his heart, and he couldn't help but start guessing.

"Duan Ling Tian, why have you come here? You came to ask my grandfather to refine a grade six spirit weapon?" After his surprised, Crazy Young Master asked curiously.

"No." Duan Ling Tian shook his head.

Looks like his guess wasn't wrong. The Crazy Young Master, Luo Zhan, was the grandson of Luo Rong.

"The grandson of the Weapons Craftsmen Guild's Master... In the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, his status isn't inferior to Flame Young Master!" Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Flame Young Master, Zhang Yan, was the third son of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Emperor, the Imperial Family's Third Prince.

In the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, his status was lofty.

Whereas the Weapons Craftsmen Guild was an existence that separate from the control of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

As the Guild Master of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Weapons Craftsmen Guild, even if the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Emperor met Luo Rong, the emperor would have to treat him courteously and with due respect.

"No?" Crazy Young Master was stunned. "Then you came to look for my grandfather for..."

"Master, you've come!" Right at this moment, an aged voice sounded out from within the inner room.

Subsequently, an old man with refreshed spirits walked out, and he respectfully and reverently bowed to Duan Ling Tian.

The nearby Crazy Young Master was completely dumbstruck.

His grandfather had bowed to Duan Ling Tian?

Moreover, his grandfather had respectfully addressed Duan Ling Tian as Master?

This...

At this moment, Luo Zhan felt his brain wasn't powerful enough to understand what was going on.

If Duan Ling Tian was changed into a grey haired old man, he might have not felt surprised.

But Duan Ling Tian was a young man that was even younger than him!

"Guild Master Luo." Duan Ling Tian replied with a smile.

This scene entered into Crazy Young Master's eyes and caused him to be flabbergasted.

His grandfather, the Guild Master of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Weapons Craftsmen Guild, had bowed to a 25 year old young man, and it had already caused him to feel disbelief.

Now, the person his grandfather bowed to, the young man that was shockingly young had actually frankly accepted all this?

Who can tell me exactly what the f**k is going on?

He was almost driven to madness from irritation!

"Zhan!" Luo Rong saw Luo Zhan staring blankly as he stood there at the side, then he frowned as he shouted in a low voice. "Quickly come over and bow to this Master!"

"Grandfather... Are you mistaken about something? He's similar to me, and he's only a student in Dragon and Phoenix Academy. How can he be some Master?" Luo Zhan said with a bitter smile.

Slap!

Unexpectedly, Luo Zhan had only just finished speaking when

Luo Rong seemed to have transformed into the wind to flash to the side of Luo Zhan, then slapped straight onto the back of his head.

"Ah!" Luo Zhan felt pain and cried out.

"Bow!" Luo Rong's gaze became fierce, and it caused Luo Zhan's entire body to be unable to refrain from trembling.

In his entire lifetime, it was the first time he'd seen his grandfather be so serious.

Although he didn't know what was going on, he knew that if he continued to disobey his grandfather, he would absolutely not come to a good end.

"Mas... Master." In the end, Luo Zhan braced himself and nodded to Duan Ling Tian, and it could be considered as saluting Duan Ling Tian.

"You call that a salutation?" Luo Rong's voice sounded out in a timely manner, and his tone had become much heavier.

It scare Luo Zhan to the point his body trembled again, and he hurriedly bowed to Duan Ling Tian. "Master."

Duan Ling Tian was slightly at a loss of whether to laugh or cry as he watched the scene before him.

"Master, this grandson of mine is impolite, I hope you don't blame him." Luo Rong had an apologetic expression as he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

"Guild Master Luo, don't mention it... It's exactly as Crazy Young Master said, I'm just like him, I'm only a student in Dragon and Phoenix Academy. In the future, we'll each have a separate relationship." Duan Ling Tian shook his head and smiled.

"Master, what ability does this kid have to be worthy of you calling him Crazy Young Master... Master, don't hesitate to just call him Little Zhan in the future." Luo Rong spoke respectfully and reverently to Duan Ling Tian.

The nearby Luo Zhan had a helpless and bitter expression.

"Duan Ling Tian, exactly what medicine have you given my grandfather? Why do I suddenly feel he has gone senile?" Crazy Young Master's slightly helpless voice transmission sounded out by Duan Ling Tian's ears.

"Your grandfather isn't senior, he'd extremely sober." Duan Ling Tian replied with all seriousness.

"This is considered as sober?" The corners of Luo Zhan's mouth twitched when he heard this, yet he didn't dare say it out.

In the end, Duan Ling Tian used actions to prove everything.

Hiss!

Along with Duan Ling Tian raising his hand and flipping his palm, a strand of blue colored flames lit ablaze on his palm.

The blue colored flame rage and moved restlessly, and it seemed as if it could burn everything!

"Blue... Blue colored Weapon Flame? This is... This is a grade four Weapon Flame?!" Luo Zhan was completely stunned on the spot as he looked at the grade four Weapon Flame in Duan Ling Tian's hand, and it was difficult for him to believe that everything before his eyes was real.

He only recovered from his shock when Duan Ling Tian put out the Weapon Flame.

Now, he finally understood!

No wonder grandfather is so respectful to Duan Ling Tian, and he even called Duan Ling Tian as a Master.

So it turns out that Duan Ling Tian is not only a genius martial artist, he's even a grade four Weapons Craftsman...

Grade four Weapons Craftsman!

Just thinking about it caused his heart to be unable to refrain

from trembling.

As the grandson of Luo Rong, he naturally knew how difficult the Dao of Weapons Refinement was.

Even he himself was unable to set foot into the path of weapons refinement because his natural talent in weapons refinement wasn't sufficient, and this was a lifelong regret of his.

"Not yet 25 years of age, yet possesses a cultivation at the Void Prying Stage, and his accomplishments in the Dao of Weapons Refinement can even be called heaven defying! A grade four Weapons Craftsman... It's truly unbelievable." Luo Zhan's feelings surged and it was difficult for it to calm down after a long time.

The shock Duan Ling Tian brought to him was too great.

"Let's begin..." Before long, Luo Zhan heard Duan Ling Tian's voice, and he noticed that along with Duan Ling Tian speaking, his grandfather, the Guild Master of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Weapons Craftsmen Guild stood to the side like an obedient student and silently listened to Duan Ling Tian talking about the Dao of Weapons Refinement.

Although he knew nothing about the Dao of Weapons Refinement, he was able to discern that his grandfather listened with extreme interest.

Not only that, his grandfather even raised some questions from

time to time.

Whereas Duan Ling Tian would be able to answer his grandfather at the first possible moment every single time, and allowed his grandfather to be enlightened at one.

"Mad... This world is surely mad! How could such an unbelievable thing possibly happen?" At this moment, Luo Zhan felt like the world was in chaos.

Why would the world give birth to a monster like Duan Ling Tian...?

If it was said that before today, he still had the thought of comparing himself with Duan Ling Tian, then now, he only felt a wave of powerlessness.

Not only did Duan Ling Tian's natural talent in the Martial Dao surpass him, Duan Ling Tian's accomplishments in the Dao of Weapons Refinement even caused the grandfather he respected the most to be too inferior to be compared to Duan Ling Tian.

A grade four Weapons Craftsman!

Ordinarily speaking, this was an existence that only the various Dynasties possessed.

Now, an existence like this had appeared in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom and had appeared before his eyes.

Most importantly, this was a young man that wasn't even 25...

An afternoon's worth of time passed by extremely quickly.

"Your comprehension ability isn't bad, but unfortunately, you didn't have a good teacher's guidance and have tread down many wrong paths... I can guarantee that within half a year, you'll surely be able to become a grade five Weapons Craftsman!" said Duan Ling Tian to Luo Rong.

Luo Rong said with a humble expression, "It's all because Master is skillful in teaching."

"Alright, it's getting late, I ought to leave." Duan Ling Tian bid his farewells to Luo Rong and turned around, intending to leave.

"Zhan, you accompany Master back to Dragon and Phoenix Academy... Remember to listen to Master in the Dragon and Phoenix Academy! If you let me know that you dare be disrespectful to Master, I won't forgive you." Luo Rong looked at Luo Zhan as he instructed, and as he finished speaking, his tone became slightly more serious.

"Alright, grandfather." Luo Zhan smiled bitterly as he agreed.

On the way.

"Crazy Young Master, I hope you won't tell others that I'm a grade four Weapons Craftsman." Duan Ling Tian spoke slowly.

"Don't worry, I'm not a big mouth... Besides that, don't call me Crazy Young Master in the future. Otherwise, if my grandfather finds out, I'm afraid he'd directly break my legs." As he finished speaking, Luo Zhan had a helpless expression.

He feared nothing except the grandfather he respected the most.

"Don't call you Crazy Young Master?" Duan Ling Tian's brows raised as a wisp of a smile appeared on the corners of his mouth. "Then I should call you Little Zhan in the future? It sounds rather nice."

The corners of Luo Zhan's mouth twitched. "Can you directly call my name?"

"What? You have an objection?" Duan Ling Tian glanced deeply at Luo Zhan. "Do you need me to help give some complaints to your grandfather?"

The corners of Luo Zhan's mouth twitched when he heard this, yet was at a lost to what to say, and he'd completely frightened.

"Duan Ling Tian, you consumed the Void Refining Fruit ten days ago and you ought to have already broken through to the second level of the Void Prying Stage, right? How about we have a spar?" When he saw the academy was just before their eyes, Luo Zhan

took the initiative to challenge Duan Ling Tian.

"Anytime." Duan Ling Tian shrugged and had an indifferent expression.

Subsequently, the two of them entered the Dragon and Phoenix Academy, then they casually found an unused space before standing facing each other.

"Let me say it first... You can't use your demonic technique." Before they started, Luo Zhan added in advance.

"Demonic technique?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned.

"The ability you used ten days ago to make the First Leader of the bandits become dazed," said Luo Zhan.

Duan Ling Tian came to a sudden understanding.

So it turns out that Luo Zhan was speaking of Little Gold's soul skill.

"Could it be that you think you're a match for me after I've broken through if I don't use the demonic techniques?" Duan Ling Tian smiled.

"We'll know if I'm a match for you after we fight!" Strong confidence appeared on Luo Zhan's face.

At the same time, he took a step out and the Origin Energy on his body raged and skyrocketed.

It was like a strand of flame that was rising...

Whoosh!

In the sky, 4,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes condensed into form.

Chapter 534: I'm That Idiot

"Third level of the Void Prying Stage!" Duan Ling Tian's pupils constricted as he looked at the 4,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes above Luo Zhan.

Luo Zhan has actually broken through?

Whoosh!

Subsequently, a strand of red energy appeared in the Origin Energy on the surface of Luo Zhan's body.

In the sky, another 200 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared...

It was precisely Luo Zhan's Elementary Fire Force!

At this moment, Luo Zhan's figure flashed out like spraying flames that swept towards Duan Ling Tian, and it seemed as if it wanted to burn Duan Ling Tian into ash.

Swoosh!

When Luo Zhan arrived nearby Duan Ling Tian, he abruptly raised his hand.

A spear appeared in his hand, and accompanied by the twining of his raging Origin Energy and Fire Force, the spear was like a flame

dragon emerging from its cave as it fiercely flashed towards Duan Ling Tian.

In the sky, another 1,500 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared.

Obviously, the spear in Luo Zhan's hand was a grade six spirit spear.

Luo Zhan's spear strike flashed out, and when it arrived nearby Duan Ling Tian, he shook the body of the spear, causing the tip of the spear to sweep out like rain drops.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

...

The array of stars that covered the sky embellished the sky, and they instantly transformed into numerous shooting stars that swept towards Duan Ling Tian.

Luo Zhan attacked with his full strength, utilizing both spirit weapon and Fire Force.

His strength was comparable to the strength of 5,700 ancient mammoths.

Luo Zhan felt his spirits refreshed when he attacked with full force.

Presently, his body shot out with his spear as the corners of his mouth slightly curled into a smile, and he seemed as if he's already seen the scene of himself defeating Duan Ling Tian.

"It's a pretty good spear skill... Unfortunately, it's too fancy and has scattered a large amount of strength." Right at this moment, Duan Ling Tian spoke.

At the same time that he spoke, the Violet Myrtle Flexible Sword appeared in Duan Ling Tian's hand.

Origin Energy suffused into it before Half-step Advanced Lightning Force and Half-step Advanced Wind Force fused into the Origin Energy.

In the next moment, Duan Ling Tian's gaze went slightly cold.

Sword Drawing Arts!

Duan Ling Tian stood on the spot and with a raise of his hand, his hand and the sword in his hand instantly vanished before Luo Zhan's eyes.

"So swift!" Luo Zhan's pupils constricted.

It was at this moment that Luo Zhan clearly saw that in the sky above Duan Ling Tian, there actually was...

5,800 ancient mammoth silhouettes!

The strength contained in this sword strike of Duan Ling Tian's was the strength of 100 ancient mammoths more than the strength of his full force spear strike.

Instantly, Luo Zhan's pupils constricted and he was slightly bitter in his heart.

Only now did he recall that besides being a genius martial artist with monstrous natural talent in the Martial Dao, Duan Ling Tian was even a grade four Weapons Craftsman with extremely high attainments in the Dao of Weapons Refinement.

Obviously, the sword Duan Ling Tian used now was a grade four spirit sword!

"Presently, Duan Ling Tian's cultivation is at the second level of the Void Prying Stage, and when not using his grade four spirit sword and Force, he's able to exert the strength of 3,000 ancient mammoths... Once he utilized Force, he will be able to increase his strength by another strength of 1,000 ancient mammoths!

"In other words, when Duan Ling Tian doesn't utilize a spirit weapon and utilizes his full strength, he can only exert the strength of 4,000 ancient mammoths! But now..." The corners of Luo Zhan's mouth started twitched as he looked at the 5,800 ancient mammoth silhouettes in the sky.

The amplification provided by the spirit sword in Duan Ling Tian's hand was actually the strength of 1,800 ancient mammoths!

"With the strength of 3,000 ancient mammoths as the base, amplifying the strength of 1,800 ancient mammoths... If counted in reverse, Duan Ling Tian's grade four spirit sword is actually able to amplify strength by 60%?" Luo Zhan was greatly shocked in his heart.

All these thoughts were completed in only an instant.

When Luo Zhan returned to his senses, he had a serious expression.

Origin Energy raged and Fire Force roared on the grade six spirit spear in his hand...

The tip of the spear pierced out swifts as if it had transformed into a meteor shower that covered the sky.

But even then, he still felt slightly lacking in confidence.

Swish!

An ear piercing howl of the sword slices through the sky, drawing out a mark in the air.

Clang! Clang! Clang! Clang! Clang!

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Everywhere the sword light passed, the ear piercing sound of iron weapons collided ceaselessly resounded out.

It was Duan Ling Tian's spirit sword that had made a circle in the air, easily stopping the sword lights of Luo Zhan that descended down in tiny spots.

The sword light ceaselessly spun as it passed, and its speed was so swift that it was shocking.

"Duan Ling Tian, take this!" Luo Zhan shouted out explosively when he saw Duan Ling Tian break through his spear skill so easily, and his spear shot out like flames as it fiercely stabbed towards Duan Ling Tian.

Whoosh!

Piercing howls exploded out, and it gave rise to a wave of continuous sounds of air exploding.

"Bring it on!" Duan Ling Tian's brows raised, and with a raise of his hand, the Violet Myrtle Flexible Sword in his hand abruptly pierced out to intercept the tip of Luo Zhan's spear.

At the same time, the Origin Energy on Duan Ling Tian's Violet Myrtle Flexible Sword abruptly started trembling.

Extreme Quake Energy!

Although Quake Energy at the extreme was only comparable to the strength of 100 ancient mammoths.

But under these circumstances, its effect was extremely great.

After all, the strength of Duan Ling Tian's sword now was stronger by the strength on Luo Zhan's spear by 100 ancient mammoths.

Even though he'd surely defeat Luo Zhan in a head-on attack, because the difference between his and Luo Zhan's strength, Duan Ling Tian would surely be injured even if he defeated Luo Zhan.

Now, by utilizing Quake Energy at the extreme, it would be able to help him dampen Luo Zhan's strength and help him finish the battle between him and Luo Zhan as soon as possible.

Swish!

A sword howl sounded out, and when combined with the Quake Energy at the extreme, it emitted a buzzing sound.

Finally, the sword and spear collided.

The tip of the sword collided with the tip of the spear, emitting a wave of ear piercing noises and brought along a string of sparks at the same time.

Clang!

Duan Ling Tian's hand shook, causing the Violet Myrtle Flexible Sword to fiercely raise up and hit the body of Luo Zhan's spear.

Instantly, Luo Zhan face went grim as he hurriedly let go and tossed away the spear in his hand.

At this moment, his own spirit weapon was like a dreadful monster to him.

Whereas the hand Luo Zhan held the spear with had split open and blood dripped down from it.

"What a terrifying method of strength exertion..." When he thought of the scene from before, Luo Zhan had a slight lingering fear in his heart.

Even though Duan Ling Tian's Origin Energy was stronger than his, it wasn't much stronger, and he had the strength to fight.

But earlier, the Origin Energy that gushed out from Duan Ling Tian carried along an extremely terrifying force of vibration that

directly smashed his Origin Energy.

Not only that, the vibrating force that was carried along by Duan Ling Tian's Origin Energy was even able to affect the flesh, blood, bones, and internal organs of his entire body.

He was sure that if he didn't resolutely toss away the grade six spirit spear, the hand which he used to hold the spear would have been crippled.

"Duan Ling Tian, what ability was that?" After he put away his spirit spear, Luo Zhan looked at Duan Ling Tian with a slight lingering fear in his heart.

Duan Ling Tian smiled mysteriously and didn't answer Luo Zhan, and then walked towards the Inner Hall after he put away the Violet Myrtle Flexible Sword.

Luo Zhan's gaze became even more complicated as he looked at Duan Ling Tian's figure that moved into the distance.

After he returned to the Inner Hall, Duan Ling Tian sent a voice transmission to Chi Ming who stood outside the small house.

"Vice Dean Chi, I've spoken with that grade four Weapons Craftsman... He can refine a grade four spirit weapon glove for you, moreover, it will be an improvement with your grade six spirit weapon glove as the foundation."

"What materials does he require?" Chi Ming had an excited expression when he heard this.

"The materials for a spirit weapon glove are much more difficult to come by than the materials for a saber or sword type spirit weapon. That Senior said that if you want to advance your grade six spirit glove into a grade four spirit weapon, you must find..." Duan Ling Tian listed out seven types of materials in one go, and he'd intentionally added slightly extra amounts of materials.

Because, he intended to take the opportunity to refine a grade four spirit weapon for himself that could go together with his Tempest Point.

"I'll gather all the materials as soon as possible." Chi Ming replied with a voice filled with excitement.

Originally, Duan Ling Tian's estimation was that if Chi Ming wanted to find these materials, he would at least have to spend a few months of time.

One month later.

When Duan Ling Tian saw the seven types of materials within the Spatial Ring that Chi Ming passed to him, Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but be stunned for a time.

"Vice Dean Chi, where did you find these materials? Three of these seven types of materials are extremely difficult to come by..."

Duan Ling Tian looked at Chi Ming with a slightly stiff expression.

Chi Ming said with a smile, "Don't forget that besides being the Vice Dean of Dragon and Phoenix Academy, I have another identity."

Duan Ling Tian came to a sudden understanding when he heard this.

Besides being the Vice Dean of the academy, Chi Ming was also one of the five great Revered Elders of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial Family.

Presumably, he'd used the might of the Imperial Family to find these materials.

Or perhaps, he'd gone through the vault in the Imperial Palace.

"Vice Dean Chi, I'll leave the academy now and look for that senior to refine the grade four spirit weapon for you!" Duan Ling Tian left after he bid his farewells to Chi Ming.

He naturally didn't go to see any Senior, but instead directly went to the Weapons Craftsmen Main Guild.

After he ascended to the third floor, he went straight to the point. "I intend to refine another two grade four spirit weapons... Stand aside and observe properly."

Luo Rong's eyes lit up when he heard this, and he had an excited expression.

I can finally see Master refine grade four spirit weapons again!

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian withdrew the grade six spirit weapon gloves that Chi Ming gave him.

Duan Ling Tian didn't go straight to refining, but he instead looked at Luo Rong and asked. "Can you discern what obvious flaws this grade six spirit weapon possesses?"

Luo Rong's gaze descended onto the gloves in Duan Ling Tian's hand when he heard this.

Instantly, his pupils imperceptibly constricted.

Duan Ling Tian didn't notice this scene.

"Luo Rong is slow-witted, please guide me Master." Luo Rong looked respectfully at Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian said indifferently, "This grade six spirit weapon glove used materials that are superior and utterly didn't require too superb skill in weapons refinement to easily bestow it with the ability to amplify strength by 39%.

"But unfortunately, the Weapons Craftsman that refined this spirit weapon glove was truly too stupid! How can that Thousand Year Ice Silkworm's Silk be covered by Frigid Gold Silk? It's truly a reckless waste!"

Duan Ling Tian frowned as he said, "So long as the properties of the Thousand Year Ice Silkworm's Silk in this spirit weapon glove is exposed, it's extremely easy to amplify strength by 39%!"

"Too stupid! Too stupid! If the Weapons Craftsman that refined this spirit weapon glove was before me, I'll surely bluntly call him an idiot!" As he finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian ceaselessly shook his head.

"Master..." Meanwhile, Luo Rong looked at Duan Ling Tian and was slightly hesitant to speak.

"Hmm?" Duan Ling Tian was bewildered as he didn't know what Luo Rong wanted to say.

"Master, I... I'm that idiot," Luo Rong said with a bitter smile.

Chapter 535: Cage Battle Arena

The corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth twitched and he was slightly embarrassed.

Never had he imagined that the grade six spirit weapon glove of the Dragon and Phoenix Academy's Vice Dean, Chi Ming, was actually refined by the Guild Master of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Weapons Craftsmen Main Guild, Luo Rong.

"Master, you're refining a grade four spirit weapon for Chi Ming?" Luo Rong took a deep breath and his eyes contained slight envy mixed within.

Duan Ling Tian nodded. "Yes, I owe him a favor."

A favor!

Luo Rong came to a sudden understanding.

Although he was curious what favor did Duan Ling Tian owe Chi Ming, he knew what he should ask and what he shouldn't.

"I'm starting." Duan Ling Tian nodded to Luo Rong then started.

Profound weapons refinement techniques came freely in Duan Ling Tian's hands, and it was as if he was assisted by the gods.

For the sake of taking care of Luo Rong, Duan Ling Tian intentionally slowed down.

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian withdrew the pile of materials including the seven materials Chi Ming had found for him.

"This is Thousand Year Ice? This is a 10,000 year old Turtle Shell? This is..." As the Guild Master of the Weapons Craftsmen Main Guild, Luo Rong had excellent sight, and he quickly recognized these rare materials.

"Looks like that fellow Chi Ming went through a lot of trouble for the grade four spirit weapon!" Luo Rong thought in his heart.

Luo Rong quickly returned to his senses and watched Duan Ling Tian refine seriously.

After spending an entire morning, Duan Ling Tian had finally completed the refinement of the grade four spirit weapon glove he promised Chi Ming.

Whoosh!

When Duan Ling Tian wore the glove and his Origin Energy raged.

4,800 lifelike ancient mammoth silhouettes condensed into form in the sky.

"60% amplification again!" Luo Rong's pupils constricted when he saw this scene.

Duan Ling Tian nodded in satisfaction as he'd finally completed his promise to Chi Ming.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian put away the glove and wore a light azure ring on his right index finger...

This wasn't a Spatial Ring, but was instead the grade four spirit weapon Duan Ling Tian refined for himself.

Suddenly.

Tempest Point!

With a raise of his hand, the tempest point force condensed and tore through the sky, and it pierced through the window on the third floor before it shook towards the sky outside.

Above Duan Ling Tian, 5,800 ancient mammoth silhouettes condensed into form.

This time, the reason there as an extra strength of 1,000 ancient mammoths compared to before was because Duan Ling Tian utilized his Half-step Advanced Lightning Force and Half-step Advanced Wind Force at the same time.

"This is an offensive spirit weapon?" Luo Rong was dumbstruck.

He'd seen it clearly when Duan Ling Tian refined this ring earlier.

He originally thought it was only a Spatial Ring, but unexpectedly, this was actually an offensive spirit weapon. Moreover, it was a grade four offensive spirit weapon that provided a 60% amplification!

Duan Ling Tian spun the azure colored ring on his hand with satisfaction, and he revealed a smile on his face.

For the afternoon, Duan Ling Tian continued to guide Luo Rong in the Dao of Weapons Refinement.

Whereas Luo Rong improved by leaps and bounds when compared to before.

At dusk, Luo Rong reluctantly send Duan Ling Tian to the stairway on the third floor. "Master, take care."

Duan Ling Tian nodded, then left the Weapons Craftsmen Guild and returned to Dragon and Phoenix Academy.

In the following days, besides cultivating in the academy, Duan Ling Tian would leave the academy every month to guide Luo

Rong in the Dao of Weapons Refinement at the Weapons Craftsmen Guild...

The remaining time was almost all spent on the various experience missions issued by the academy.

As expected, Duan Ling Tian obtained the first in every single mission issued by the academy!

But unfortunately, the missions issued by the academy later on didn't have any rewards like the Void Refining Fruit.

The points Duan Ling Tian collected were all exchanged for various materials.

As for cultivation methods, martial skills, spirit weapons, and medicinal pills, he utterly had no need for them.

Time flew by.

In the blink of an eye, only half a month remained to the genius competition of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

At that time, the people who ranked in the top five of the genius competition would obtain the qualification to head to Darkstone Empire's Imperial City and compete with the young geniuses of the Darkstone Empire and the various Imperial Kingdoms.

If they were able to become eminent in the Darkstone Empire, they would be able to head to the Darkhan Dynasty to compete for the qualification to participate in the Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties!

There was a vast space at the northern area of the Imperial City.

This space was like a sunken gorge.

Around the gorge was rows of orderly seats, and it was precisely the seating area.

Presently, the seating area was jam-packed.

Whereas on the even ground in the gorge was an enormous specially made iron cage that enveloped the entire gorge within it, and two figures could be faintly seen to be flashing within the iron cage.

Presently, on the stairs outside the seating area that led outside was three figures.

"Caged Battle Arena?" A young man in violet clothed raise his brows. "What's special about this Caged Battle Arena?"

"Squeak squeak~" Presently, a little gold mouse stood on the shoulder of the violet clothed young man, and the little gold mouse looked at the other two people with interest.

One of these two people carried a sheathed sword on his back, and the other was handsome and extraordinary.

The two of them had a similarity, they were both young men that were a little over 30 years of age.

"Duan Ling Tian, the Caged Battle Arena is a place filled with hot blood and is able to foster courage." The young man who carried a sword lightly smiled.

"Exactly! I believe that you will like this place." The handsome and extraordinary young man nodded.

"The two of you are still beating around the bush?" The violet clothed young man was precisely Duan Ling Tian.

Today, he'd been forcefully dragged to this place by Crazy Young Master and Sword Young Master.

"Duan Ling Tian, ascend to the highest stairs and you'll naturally know what sort of place the Caged Battle Arena is," Luo Zhan said with a smile.

Duan Ling Tian nodded then his pace quickened slightly.

At this moment, Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai had successfully arouses the curiosity in his heart.

Caged Battle Arena!

Exactly what sort of place is this?

The depths of Duan Ling Tian's gaze was filled with anticipation.

He hadn't stepped onto the highest stair when numerous frenzied voices entered into Duan Ling Tian's ears.

Duan Ling Tian whose heart was filled with curiosity finally ascended to the higher level of the stairs.

With just a glance, he saw that there were innumerable figures either standing or sitting now with their backs towards him.

Whereas these people were now looking ahead, and many people had even stood up from their seats in excitement as they cheered loudly without end.

"Kill him!"

"Kill him!"

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The frenzied voices almost influenced Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian raised his head to look over, and only now did he notice that what appeared before his eyes was a large circular ring with an extremely vast area.

Whereas within this large ring was many gaps, and at those gaps was numerous stairs that allowed one to go along the stairs and walk inwards.

At the sides of these stairs was the boundless seating area.

The scene before him caused Duan Ling Tian to be unable to help but recall the Spanish Bull Ring from Earth in his previous life...

But, the Bull Ring wasn't as bustling as this place.

"This is the Caged Battle Arena." Luo Zhan's voice sounded out by Duan Ling Tian's ears.

Presently, Luo Zhan was pointing towards the boundless sea of people, and he lightly smiled as he introduced them to Duan Ling Tian.

"So many people." Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but be surprised.

The people in the area were probably at least numbering a few tens of thousands.

Even when he was at the most bustling trade market of the Imperial City, Duan Ling Tian didn't see such a magnificent scene.

"I've come to the Imperial City for almost a year, yet I actually didn't know there was such a place." Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but sigh with emotion.

Of course, this was also related to the fact that when he left the academy every month, he would directly head to the Weapons Craftsmen Guild to guide Luo Rong in the Dao of Weapons Refinement.

Luo Rong had almost occupied the only time he could leave the academy every month.

Otherwise, he'd have gone all around the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial City, and he wouldn't have come to the extent of not knowing of the existence of this Caged Battle Arena.

"Hehe... This Caged Battle Arena is this bustling every day." Chen Shao Shuai's brows raised as he suggested. "Let's go in and find a place to sit."

Subsequently, under Chen Shao Shuai's lead, Duan Ling Tian and Luo Zhan followed closely behind.

During this time of almost a year, Duan Ling Tian and Luo Zhan had become friends.

As for Chen Shao Shuai, he had a forthright character. Coupled with him clearly casting aside his relationship with the Origin Convergence Sect and his disposition, he was extremely fitting with Duan Ling Tian.

So, he could be considered to be Duan Ling Tian's friend now as well.

During this time of almost a year that Duan Ling Tian had arrived at the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial City, Duan Ling Tian had only gotten acquainted with two friends.

Duan Ling Tian's group of three followed along the stairs between the seating areas and walked down.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian clearly saw the scene ahead.

"What a large iron cage!" The enormous iron cage that covered the entire vast space shocked Duan Ling Tian.

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian noticed the man and beast that were fighting within the enormous iron cage...

The situation of the battle between the man and beast was horrifying, and that person already had one of his arms torn off.

However, he was still desperately resisting.

"Caged Battle Arena, caged battle... So that's how it is." Now, Duan Ling Tian could be considered to have completely understood the meaning of the words Caged Battle Arena.

"Earlier, I felt this place was like the Spanish Bull Ring of my previous life... But now it would seem like it's more similar to the Ancient Roman Colosseum of my previous life." Duan Ling Tian thought in his heart, and his gaze descended onto the crowd of spectators.

"Whereas these people are the Ancient Roman nobles that watched the slaves and wild beasts battle in the colosseum to their heart's content... The nobles would be excited so long as they saw blood, and it's similar to these people now." Duan Ling Tian slightly sighed with emotion.

Although he'd integrated himself into this world, it was still slightly difficult for him to adapt to the slave system.

After all, the Earth in his previous life was a world that regarded everyone as equals.

But he wasn't unfamiliar to the slaves of this world.

All those years ago, as the Guardian Elder of the Boundless Sect, Xiong Quan had been chased after by the Black Fiend Sect, and was infected by the Origin Sealing Parasite, causing his Origin Energy to be completely sealed.

He was captured and branded with the brand of a slave, and had become a slave.

Later on, Xiong Quan was saved by Duan Ling Tian and recovered his Origin Energy before becoming Duan Ling Tian's follower.

Even though Xiong Quan was a slave, Duan Ling Tian had never taken him to be one and had given him sufficient respect, and this was the reason that Xiong Quan followed Duan Ling Tian wholeheartedly.

"Xiong Quan..." Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but sigh when he thought of Xiong Quan now.

Chapter 536: 'Change'

"I hope that I can head to the Foreign Lands as soon as possible. So long as I'm able to obtain the Resurrection Pill within the great treasures the Rebirth Martial Emperor left behind... I'll be able to help Xiong Quan recover his Dantian." Duan Ling Tian thought in his heart.

He'd always felt guilty towards Xiong Quan in his heart.

After all, Xiong Quan's Dantian was crippled and lost his entire cultivation because of Duan Ling Tian.

This was something he owed Xiong Quan.

"Roar!" An enormous roar pulled Duan Ling Tian's thoughts back to reality.

Duan Ling Tian saw that within the Caged Battle Arena, after the strong fierce beast bit the human martial artist to death, it was ceaselessly roaring loudly to demonstrate its might.

"He's dead?" Duan Ling Tian's brows frowned when he saw the mangled corpse of the human martial artist.

Seeming to have perceived Duan Ling Tian's surprise, the nearby Luo Zhan explained. "Once one enters the Caged Battle Arena, then no matter if one is a human or a beast, only one can survive... Only when one of the two remains would the caged battle end.

"Only the winner is able to leave the cage!"

Duan Ling Tian frowned when he heard Luo Zhan. "In other words, every battle in this Caged Battle Arena is a battle to the death?"

"It can be said to be so." Chen Shao Shuai nodded and said slowly, "To people with weak strengths, this place is hell... Because, they might be killed by a person or beast at any moment."

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

So this was the Caged Battle Arena.

A place that was filled with blood and slaughter.

Of course, to people who wanted to ceaselessly become stronger, this place was undoubtedly the best [touchstone](#).

The people that were able to survive within the Caged Battle Arena would surely be outstanding powerhouses.

Once one stepped into the Caged Battle Arena, one only had one choice.

Either live or die!

"The person that was killed by the fierce beast now seems to be a slave?" Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

"Yes." Luo Zhan nodded. "It's not every time that a person dares enter into the Caged Battle Arena... So when there are no people entering, the Caged Battle Arena arranges for the slaves, fierce beast, and demon beasts they reared to enter and slaughter each other!"

"Whereas the Caged Battle Arena would be the bookmaker who opens a wager and obtains benefit from it." Luo Zhan finished in one go.

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

"Does the Caged Battle Arena have any rules?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

Chen Shao Shuai introduced. "Ordinarily speaking, the slaves or demon beasts sent out by the Caged Battle Arena itself are all of similar strength... Whereas people on the spectating area can only step in battle when their cultivations are similar to the slaves, demon beasts, or fierce beasts."

"Otherwise, if a person with a cultivation that far surpassed the slaves, fierce beasts, and demon beasts stepped into the Caged Battle Arena, then it would be a one-sided slaughter and have no meaning at all... The Caged Battle Arena doesn't allow a thing like this to happen." Chen Shao Shuai continued.

"Mmm." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

These rules were understandable, otherwise, wouldn't the Caged Battle Arena lose money to the extreme?

"Besides that, when the person that dares to step into the Caged Battle Arena and battle a slave, fierce beast, or demon beast with a similar cultivation obtains victory, the person will acquire generous rewards!" Luo Zhan added. "The rewards are different according to the cultivation of the person... For example, if a Void Prying Stage martial artist is able to kill the slave, demon beast, or fierce beast of the same cultivation in the Caged Battle Arena, the reward obtained would be far more generous than a Nascent Soul Stage martial artist's!"

"Besides that, the person that enters the Caged Battle Arena is not allowed to use the assistance of any external source of strength... It's 'ANY'!" said Chen Shao Shuai.

"Any?" Duan Ling Tian's brows raised. "Could it be that even spirit weapons are prohibited?"

"Yes." Chen Shao Shuai nodded.

Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but be astonished.

"After all, it was impossible for the slaves in the Caged Battle Arena to use spirit weapons to deal with those fierce beasts and

demon beasts of similar cultivation... If it wasn't that way, it would have no meaning." Chen Shao Shuai continued.

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

He was able to understand the reason behind this rule after Chen Shao Shuai said this.

"What rewards would there normally be?" Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

"There are spirit weapons, money, medicinal pills, cultivation methods, martial skills, and there even would be some rare materials and spirit fruits occasionally as rewards!" As he finished speaking, Chen Shao Shuai's gaze burned slightly with desire.

Spirit fruits?

Duan Ling Tian was similarly filled with yearning when he heard this.

"It's slightly interesting." Duan Ling Tian grinned.

Unknowingly, Duan Ling Tian's group of three had arrived nearby the Caged Battle Arena.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian clearly and thoroughly saw the entire Caged Battle Arena.

This Caged Battle Arena was like a football field of his previous life, and the arena was extremely vast.

Whereas on this vast arena was numerous black iron that crisscrossed across to form an enormous iron cage that sealed the entire arena within it.

"This is... Thousand Year Dark Iron?" In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian recognized the material of this iron cage, and his pupils couldn't help but constrict.

Thousand Year Dark Iron!

Even if it was a Void Prying Stage martial artist, it would be difficult for the martial artist to forcefully break it open.

"This Caged Battle Arena truly has deep pockets." Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but sigh with emotion.

"Hehe... Duan Ling Tian, this Caged Battle Arena possesses powerful backing. It's the business under the brother of the Emperor, Prince Sheng!" Chen Shao Shuai provided the answer to what Duan Ling Tian was wondering about.

"No wonder." Duan Ling Tian came to a sudden understanding.

"Eh, those seats..." In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian noticed

that this seating area that was nearest to the Caged Battle Arena actually had fewer people than the seating area behind them.

After a short moment, he obtained the answer.

They'd only just sat down when a middle aged man walked over with an expressionless face and extended his hand towards Duan Ling Tian's group of three.

Duan Ling Tian had wrapped his head around it.

Whoosh!

With a raise of his hand, Chen Shao Shuai withdrew three gold bills and passed it to the middle aged man.

"30,000 gold?" Duan Ling Tian's pupils constricted.

He saw extremely clearly that the three gold bills Chen Shao Shuai passed over were all of the 10,000 denomination.

"Because of their location being at the front, these seats that are near to the Caged Battle Arena have an extremely good field of vision... Thus, one seat is worth 10,000 gold." Luo Zhan noticed Duan Ling Tian's surprise and smiled as he explained.

"One seat, 10,000 gold!" Duan Ling Tian smiled bitterly.

In the Caged Battle Arena of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial City, gold was actually of so little worth.

Only watching a battle to the death, only the fee for a seat had cost 10,000 gold...

10,000 gold was one million silver!

"Moreover, the people who sit in the front row have the privilege of having priority when undergoing a cage battle." Chen Shao Shuai added.

Right when Duan Ling Tian's group sat down, the fierce beast within the Caged Battle Arena had left already.

A slave with a frosty expression and a slave marked branded on his face walked into the Caged Battle Arena under the lead of an old man.

"This slave is at the seventh level of Nascent Soul Stage... Is there any guest that wants to battle him?" The old man soared up into the sky and stood above the slave, and his voice that contained Origin Energy transmitted far into the distance. "So long as a guest is able to kill him, you'll be able to obtain a 500,000 gold reward from out Caged Battle Arena!"

500,000 gold!

Instantly, many people became agitated in the spectating area, as

the temptation of 500,000 gold was great.

"Duan Ling Tian, if you go down into the arena to battle a slave or demon beast with the same cultivation... Would you choose a slave or a demon beast?" Luo Zhan asked Duan Ling Tian.

"Demon beast! Duan Ling Tian didn't hesitate in the slightest.

Luo Zhan looked at Chen Shao Shuai. "Sword Young Master, what about you?"

"Demon beast as well." Chen Shao Shuai similarly didn't hesitate then said slowly, "Although slaves are inferior to demon beasts and fierce beasts of the same cultivation when not using a spirit weapon... But, no matter how strong demon beasts and fierce beasts are, they're only animals! Even if they've developed intelligence, there's still quite a distance when compared to humans.

"So, normally speaking... Slaves have a will to survive that far surpasses a fierce beast and demon beast. When they're facing imminent death, they'd often explode out with unbelievable potential and launch a counterattack!

"I've seen too many similar scenes in the Caged Battle Arena, and between a fierce beast, demon beast, and slave of the same cultivation, the latter is more terrifying!" As he finished speaking, Chen Shao Shuai sighed rather emotionally.

"My thoughts are similar to yours." Luo Zhan smiled, then he looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked. "Duan Ling Tian, you ought to be thinking like this as well, right?"

Under the gazes of Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai, Duan Ling Tian shook his head.

"No?" The both of them couldn't help but be stunned.

"No." Duan Ling Tian nodded, and then he sighed, "The reason I didn't choose slaves isn't because of how great potential they're able to explode forth with when they're facing imminent danger... But instead because they are humans!"

Human!

Humans that had blood and flesh just like them.

"Humans?" Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai went silent.

"Although they don't possess human rights, these slaves are humans after all... They're of the same kind as us!" Duan Ling Tian continued.

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian's gaze became slightly dazed.

He suddenly felt that he'd changed greatly when compared to his previous life.

During his previous life, for the sake of attaining his goal, he would sometimes stop at nothing and was exceedingly ruthless.

But in this lifetime, he'd changed instead.

The current him was simply like a different person when compared to his previous life.

In his previous life, he killed resolutely, irrespective of right or wrong.

In this lifetime, if there was no need, then when he did things and killed, he wouldn't implicate innocent people.

Simply speaking, he'd become humane.

This was a change in his psychology.

Perhaps even Duan Ling Tian himself didn't know that after he came to this world, the him of this lifetime had been unconsciously influenced and changed...

Whereas all these changes came from the people by his side.

In this lifetime, he had parents, he had fiancés, and he had many brothers and friends...

He wasn't all alone like in his previous life.

"Of the same kind, what a notion! I truly never imagined that amongst the people that came to watch the excitement in the Caged Battle Arena, there's still such a compassionate person. Truly laughable!" An ear piercing voice entered into the ears of Duan Ling Tian's group of three.

Subsequently, a young man in embroidered clothes sat at a seat nearby Duan Ling Tian's group of three under the escort of an old man.

The words from before were precisely spoke by this embroidered clothed young man.

"If you're really compassionate, then why are you coming to watch slaves battle? Hypocrite!" The tone of the young man in embroidered clothes was as annoying as annoying could be.

Duan Ling Tian frowned and couldn't be bothered to pay attention to the young man.

Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai frowned when they heard the mocking of the young man in embroidered clothes, and only eased up their frowns when they saw Duan Ling Tian didn't take any action.

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"Allow me!" An explosive shout sounded out from the east side of the spectating area.

Subsequently, a robust middle aged man left the spectating area and was brought into the Caged Battle Arena by the workers of the arena.

"Looks like the temptation of 500,000 gold is extremely great." Duan Ling Tian said with a smile.

"It's not only 500,000 gold... To a martial artist, the battle to the death in the Caged Battle Arena is also an extremely superb method to stimulate the potential in their bodies," said Crazy Young Master, and traces of burning battle intent seemed to be suffused within his eyes.

"Luo Zhan, you look impatient to enter the arena to me... But, you're at the fourth level of the Void Prying Stage now, so there aren't many opponents for you," said Chen Shao Shuai with a smile.

"Duan Ling Tian, if there's a fourth level Void Prying Stage slave or demon beast, you can't fight for it with me!" Luo Zhan said to Duan Ling Tian.

"Demon beast, mine. Slave, yours." Duan Ling Tian spoke indifferently.

Since he'd come to the Caged Battle Arena, he naturally wouldn't just watch the excitement.

He wanted to experience the pleasure of battling a demon beast of the same cultivation as well...

"Agreed!" Luo Zhan nodded.

Although between demon beasts and slaves, he was more afraid of the latter.

But he wasn't afraid of ordinary fourth level Void Prying Stage slaves.

It could be seen from the conversation between Luo Zhan and Duan Ling Tian that Duan Ling Tian's current cultivation was equal to Luo Zhan, the fourth level of the Void Prying Stage!

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse who stood on Duan Ling Tian's shoulder cried out, and her pair of jade green eyes had a burning flowing light flicker within.

"What? Little Gold, you want to join in the fun as well?" Duan Ling Tian looked at the little gold mouse and asked via voice transmission.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse nodded enthusiastically,

and she said via voice transmission, "Big Brother Ling Tian, if there's an eighth level Void Prying Stage slave of demon beast, then I want to battle them!"

Duan Ling Tian rolled his eyes at the little gold mouse, and then he asked Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai. "Are there demon beasts and slaves at the seventh level Void Prying Stage and above in this Caged Battle Arena?"

"Seventh level of the Void Prying Stage?" Both of them were stunned when they heard Duan Ling Tian, then they shook their heads at the same time.

"It's impossible for a demon beast or slave at the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage and above to appear!" Luo Zhan said, "Even if there are slaves or demon beasts at the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage and above in the Caged Battle Arena, the Caged Battle Arena wouldn't allow them to enter the arena... Existences like that are normally enlisted into Prince Sheng's Estate, and they are either auctioned off at high prices or kept to guard and look after the estate."

"Exactly, if existences at the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage were to be put into the Caged Battle Arena, it would absolutely be a reckless waste!" Confirmed Chen Shao Shuai.

Duan Ling Tian came to a suddenly understanding, then looked at the little gold mouse as he said via voice transmission, "Little Gold, looks like you have no chance of entering the arena."

The little gold mouse's little head instantly drooped when she heard this, and she was dispirited.

Duan Ling Tian's gaze quickly descended into the Caged Battle Arena.

Presently, the robust middle aged man that entered the arena was already locked in combat with the slave.

As they were both seventh level Nascent Soul Stage martial artists, the two of them were evenly matched.

When the two of them fought, punches and kicks went to and fro as Origin Energy raged, and it caused one to be dazzled by the sight.

"Roar!" Suddenly, the slave abruptly emitted an enraged roar that was like a fierce beast, and it was as if he'd gone mad as he pounced towards the robust middle aged man.

The situation was originally in equilibrium, but now, when he saw the slave suddenly explode out to fight desperately, a wisp of terror appeared in the eyes of the robust middle aged man.

It was precisely because of this instant of hesitation.

He lost!

Accompanied by the shrill cries that stopped abruptly, he was forcefully torn into two halves by the slave...

His mangled body flew out to the sides before crashing onto the ground.

This exceedingly bloody scene was like a fuse that completely lit the atmosphere at the scene ablaze.

Many spectators stood up in excitement as they swung their fists and cheered.

"Barbarian!"

"Barbarian!"

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The wave of cheers resounded out and enveloped the entire Caged Battle Arena.

"Barbarian? It's the name of this slave?" Duan Ling Tian's brows raised.

His sharp gaze passed through the enormous iron cage before him to look at the word branded on this slave's face...

Barbarian!

Subsequently, the battles within the Caged Battle Arena were carried out like a raging fire.

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"This is a first level Void Prying Stage demon beast, Flame Lion. Is there any guest at the first level of the Void Prying Stage that wants to enter the arena and battle it? So long as you kill this Flame Lion, you'll be able to obtain three million gold!" The voice of the old man that floated above the Caged Battle Arena sounded out.

In the Caged Battle Arena, a Flame Lion with an entire body of red colored hair stood there.

The Flame Lion was like a small hill, opening its bloody mouth every now and then as scarlet red appeared in its fierce eyes.

Imperceptibly, it gave others a type of pressure.

"This Flame Lion is supposedly a demon beast that is blessed by the heavens... So long as it breaks through to the first level of the Void Prying Stage and becomes a demon beast, then it's able to comprehend Elementary Fire Force." Luo Zhan sighed.

"Very few first level Void Prying Stage martial artists are able to defeat this Flame Lion... Looks like there ought to be no one that

enters the arena," said Chen Shao Shuai.

"Indeed." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

Although in truth, any one of the three of them were sufficient to go against the Flame Lion when they were at the first level of the Void Prying Stage.

But in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, there were extremely few people that possessed this type of natural talent and comprehension ability.

"Hmph! A group of bumpkins! Open up your lowly eyes and watch... A first level Void Prying Stage Flame Lion can't withstand a single blow from me, this first level Void Prying Stage martial artist!" Suddenly, an ear piercing voice entered into the ears of Duan Ling Tian's group of three.

Whoosh!

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian's group of three noticed that the young man in embroidered clothes that sat nearby had flown out to arrive outside the arena.

The young man in embroidered clothes turned around and looked provocatively at Duan Ling Tian's group of three before entering into the arena under the arrangement of the Caged Battle Arena's workers.

Whereas the old man that followed by the young man's side stood on the spot and didn't make any movement.

"He's a first level Void Prying Stage martial artist?" Duan Ling Tian's brows raised.

The age of this young man in embroidered clothes couldn't be considered to be old, and was at most around the age of 30.

Even in the entire Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, his natural talent could be considered to be first rate, as he possessed a cultivation at the first level of the Void Prying Stage at such an age.

"Sword Young Master, did you know that there was such a figure in the Imperial City?" Luo Zhan frowned as he asked Chen Shao Shuai.

Luo Zhan was extremely displeased towards the attitude of the young man in embroidered clothes.

A wisp of a smile of comprehension appeared on the corners of Chen Shao Shuai's mouth. "Luo Zhan, this person's relationship with the Caged Battle Arena... Is deep!"

Obviously, Chen Shao Shuai had recognized the young man embroidered clothes.

"Deeply related to the Caged Battle Arena?" Luo Zhan frowned, yet was unable to guess it in the end, and he cursed. "If you know

then speak frankly... What are you beating around the bush for?"

"Alas, I originally wanted to tell you... But your current attitude caused me to not want to tell you." Chen Shao Shuai pretended to sigh, and he had an expression the said 'what can you do to me?'.

This caused Luo Zhan to gnash his teeth with hatred.

Duan Ling Tian's gaze descended into the arena.

The body of the young man was currently suffused with a layer of Origin Energy, and his entire body seemed as if it was enveloped in a ball of white colored flames.

Whereas within these white colored flames, there seemed to be strands of blue colored energy leaping about.

"Water Force?" Duan Ling Tian's brows raised.

Although this young man was arrogant, needless to say, he still has some strength.

Whoosh!

In the sky above the young man was 2,200 ancient mammoth silhouettes that gradually condensed into form.

First level Void Prying Stage!

Elementary Water Force!

"Roar~" The Flame Lion's eyes revealed slight fear when faced with the young man in embroidered clothes.

Water counters fire.

It just so happened that what it comprehended was Elementary Fire Force.

"Die!" Suddenly, the eyes of the young man in embroidered clothes went slightly cold as his figure flashed out extremely gently like a pool of autumn water.

"Roar!!" The Flame Lion naturally wouldn't resign itself to death, and it abruptly pounced out as it opened its bloody mouth.

Dense Origin Energy gushed out from his mouth, transforming into a beam of light that flashed out to fiercely smash towards the young man.

It was precisely the Elementary Flame Force.

"Futile effort!" The young man shouted out explosively, and the embroidered clothes on his body fluttered without the wind.

He raised his hand and formed a fist, and his Origin Energy skyrocketed.

Bang!

The young man punched out, his Origin Energy condensing into the shape of a fist before flashing out fiercely, and strands of blue colored energy were suffused within it.

Origin Energy and Force that was of little difference...

Finally, the Origin Energy fist of the young man in embroidered clothes collided with the beam of light that gushed out from the bloody mouth of the Flame Lion, and the collision emitted an enormous bang.

Whoosh!

The air flow flashed out in the sky, and it seemed to transform into circle after circles of ripples that swept out.

A wave of violent winds spread out from every direction.

"Roar!" Suddenly, the Flame Lion cried out once again.

But this roar was slightly low.

The Origin Energy fist print of the young man instantly shattered the Origin Energy beam of light that gushed out from the Flame Lion's mouth, and the soft Elementary Water Force extremely easily crushed the Elementary Fire Force.

Coupled with the Origin Energy of the young man that wasn't inferior to the Flame Lion.

Bang!

After the young man's Origin Energy fist shattered the beam of light, it didn't lose momentum in the slightest before crashing onto the Flame Lion's face.

"Howl~" Instantly, the Flame Lion howled sorrowfully, and its body was blasted flying.

The young man seized the opportunity to chase up and his fish smashed down once more.

The soft Water Force completely countered the Flame Lion.

Not long after, the Flame Lion had its head smashed open by the young man's fist, and it was directly blasted to death.

Instantly, the surrounding spectating area emitted waves of cheers that rose and fell.

Some young women looked at the young man in embroidered clothes with gazes that were filled with burning desire, as if they wished for nothing more than to be swallowed up by the young man in embroidered clothes.

"Hmph! He has slight strength." Chen Shao Shuai snorted coldly.

"He just had the advantage of the Water Force. Otherwise, he might not be a match for the Flame Lion." Luo Zhan snorted.

"No matter what, he won in the end." Duan Ling Tian smiled indifferently.

"Eh?" Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian noticed that when the young man went to receive the reward for killing the Flame Lion, the old man that presided over the Caged Battle Arena had actually bent down before the young man.

It was more like a bow of respect.

"Looks like this person's identity isn't simple." Duan Ling Tian thought in his heart.

Meanwhile, the young man in embroidered clothes received the reward of a large stack of gold bills and had returned.

At this moment, he looked at Duan Ling Tian's group of three with a haughty gaze.

"You're only a first level Void Prying Stage martial artist, what're you complacent about?" Luo Zhan sneered and didn't conceal it in the slightest.

Chapter 538: Little Prince

"What did you say?!" Luo Zhan's words were heard by the young man in embroidered clothes, and it caused his expression to go gloomy.

"Is there something wrong with your ears?" Luo Zhan laughed in ridicule and wasn't polite in the slightest.

Not to mention a young man whose background was unknown, even if it was Flame Young master, the third son of the current Emperor, Luo Zhan didn't respect him in the slightest.

As the grandson of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Weapons Craftsmen Guild's Master, Luo Zhan had his own arrogance.

"You're courting death!" The eyes of the young man in embroidered clothes went cold as he shouted out explosively, and his entire body flashed out to pounce towards Luo Zhan.

Bang!

The young man smashed out with his fist, and the Origin Energy fist condensed before whistling out like a descending meteor.

In the sky, 2,200 ancient mammoth silhouettes condensed into form and dashed out behind him.

"It's uncertain who dies." Luo Zhan sneered, and he even didn't have the intention of standing up.

Whoosh!

With a raise of his hand, he chopped out with his palm.

An Origin Energy light blade condensed into form and whistles out, instantly chopping apart the young man's Origin Energy fist.

When the Origin Energy fist of the young man in embroidered clothes was dispersed.

Om!

The Origin Energy light blade didn't lose momentum in the slightest and flashed directly towards the young man.

Its target went straight for the young man's throat.

Luo Zhan had launched a killing blow.

Whereas the young man was completely stunned when he saw the 3000 ancient mammoth silhouettes that appeared out of thin air above Luo Zhan.

"Second level Void Prying Stage?" It caused him to think that Luo

Zhan was only a second level Void Prying Stage martial artist.

He instead didn't know that Luo Zhan's strength was far more than this...

When he recovered from his shock, he saw the Origin Energy light blade was a very short distance away, and his face went ghastly pale.

"Stay your hand!" Right at this moment, the old man by the young man in embroidered clothes that didn't make a movement since the beginning had shouted out coldly.

Accompanied by this cold shout, the old man swiftly flashed out.

In the sky, an ancient horned dragon silhouettes that was clustered around by 2,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes dashed out.

Ninth level of the Void Prying Stage!

At the same time that the old man flashed out, his Origin Energy condensed with a raise of his hand, and a palm print that was condensed into form whistled out.

Bang!

Before the Origin Energy light blade killed the young man, it

shattered the Origin Energy light blade in a timely manner.

The young man in embroidered cloth heaved a sigh of relief when he got his life back.

When he returned to his senses, his face went grim and he glared angrily at Luo Zhan. "Elder Ping, I want him dead!"

Obviously, he was speaking to the old man.

Duan Ling Tian frowned.

"Little Gold, if this old goat dares act rashly, kill him!" Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian's voice transmission entered into the little gold mouse's ears, and it was filled with coldness.

"Squeak squeak~" The originally dispirited little gold mouse instantly became excited when she heard Duan Ling Tian's voice transmission.

She stood up and stared at the old man beside the young man with excitement.

She had already started to accumulate force.

So long as the old man made a move, she would kill the old man.

Duan Ling Tian wasn't worried in the slightest if Little Gold was able to kill the old man or not.

After all, when Little Gold was only at the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage, her strength was sufficient to defeat an ordinary ninth level Void Prying Stage martial artist by relying on her grade four spirit sword and Advanced Lightning Force.

Presently, Little Gold was already an eighth level Void Prying Stage demon beast, and killing a ninth level Void Prying Stage martial artist wasn't difficult.

"Squeak squeak~" Little Gold glared at the old man as she bared her fangs and brandished her claws in provocation.

But unfortunately, the old man didn't look at her.

"Who're you?" The old man looked at Luo Zhan and asked in a low voice.

"Looks like some people of your Prince Sheng's Estate are really oblivious of the happenings in the outside world... You don't even recognize the Crazy Young Master, Luo Zhan? Truly laughable!" Luo Zhan hadn't even spoken when the nearby Chen Shao Shuai couldn't help but laugh.

Crazy Young Master, Luo Zhan!

As soon as Chen Shao Shuai finished speaking, the old man went

pale and his eyes revealed deep fear.

"So it's Crazy Young Master!" Now he felt slightly fortunate.

Fortunate that he didn't act rashly earlier and attack this young man before him.

Otherwise, if anything were to happen to this young man before him, he would die for sure!

Crazy Young Master, Luo Zhan, the person that was ranked at the top of the five great young masters.

Although he'd never seen Crazy Young Master in the flesh, even if he'd been following the Little Prince to travel around for many years, the reputation of Crazy Young Master was still like thunder that reverberated by his ears.

Supposedly, this Crazy Young Master's background was even more shocking than his natural talent.

He was the grandson of the Guild Master of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Weapons Craftsmen Guild's Main Guild.

The Weapons Craftsmen Guild had always been an extremely aloof existence, and even if it was the Emperor of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom that met the Guild Master of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Weapons Craftsmen Guild's Main Guild, the Emperor would still need to be reverent and respectful.

Let alone himself who was only a member of the Prince's Estate.

"So it's Crazy Young Master... This old man has been impolite! This is my Little Prince, I hope that you can tolerate any rudeness." The old man took a deep breath and cupped his hands towards Luo Zhan as he admitted his mistakes.

"As expected!" Duan Ling Tian's brows raised.

Earlier, when the young man in embroidered clothes received his rewards, Duan Ling Tian had noticed that the old man that presided over the Caged Battle Arena was extremely respectful towards the young man.

At that time, he had his suspicions.

When Luo Zhan attacked the young man, and when the old man by the young man's side shouted out, Duan Ling Tian noticed that face of the old man that presided over the Caged Battle Arena became grim.

Obviously, he was worried for the young man in embroidered clothes!

At that time, he'd practically confirmed that the young man was a member of Prince Sheng's Estate.

After all, the Caged Battle Arena belonged to Prince Sheng's Estate, and the members of the Caged Battle Arena were members of Prince Sheng's Estate.

"Little Prince." The old man looked at the young man and gave him a look.

Obviously, he wanted to make the young man apologize.

Unexpectedly.

"Pfft!" The young man looked at Luo Zhan and ridiculed. "You're the one that's ranked at the top of the five great young masters that are publically acknowledged by our Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom? You're nothing great... You're only at the second level of the Void Prying Stage at such an age!"

"So what if it's the second level of the Void Prying Stage? It's fine as long as I can crush you." Luo Zhan sneered, and he didn't reveal his true strength at the fourth level of the Void Prying Stage to make the young man completely shut his mouth.

Perhaps, as far as he was concerned, there was utterly no need.

He didn't take this young man in embroidered clothes seriously.

The little prince of Prince Sheng's Estate?

Prince Sheng's son?

To him, that was no different than an ordinary person.

"You!?" The young man was greatly enraged, and he wanted to continue mocking Luo Zhan, yet was restrained by the old man by his side. "Little Prince, if the Prince finds out that you had such a huge conflict with Crazy Young Master, I'm afraid he'll be extremely angry."

The young man which was the little prince of Prince Sheng's Estate went pale when he heard the old man, and his pupils constricted.

It was as if his Imperial Father, Prince Sheng, was a dreadful monster in his eyes.

He glared fiercely at Luo Zhan before returning to his seat.

"Sword Young Master, you discerned his identity a long time ago?" Luo Zhan looked at Chen Shao Shuai as he asked.

"Yes." Chen Shao Shuai nodded. "When he sat down there, I noticed that the members of the Caged Battle Arena actually didn't collect the fees for the seat from him... At that time, I felt it to be slightly strange."

"Later on, I saw that he was slightly similar in appearance to Prince Sheng between his brows, and I recalled that Prince Sheng

had a son who was gaining experience and tempering outside year in and year out... So, I had a guess." Chen Shao Shuai spoke slowly.

"You're good at guessing." Luo Zhan shook his head and smiled, and his eyes contained slight disdain mixed within. "I heard long ago that the son of Prince Sheng that was far away had a pretty good natural talent... Now that I've seen him today, he's nothing great!"

"His natural talent is indeed able to be considered as pretty good... Of course, if you compare him to us, then he's naturally greatly inferior." Sword Young Master said with a smile.

"Duan Ling Tian, that kid is the illegitimate child of the owner of the Caged Battle Arena, Prince Shen, and his name is Zhang Heng!" Sword Young Master said to Duan Ling Tian.

Zhang Heng?

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

The matter between Luo Zhan and Zhang Heng was only a farce, and it only caused a stir in the surrounding spectating area that quickly quieted down.

The gazes of everyone had once again descended to the Caged Battle Arena.

The battles within the Caged Battle Arena were still continuing.

Meanwhile, another Nascent Soul Stage slave and demon beast entered the arena...

The entire caged battle seemed to have no regular pattern.

"Roar!!" A wave of enraged roars that were shocking sounded out; the old man that presided over the Caged Battle Arena had his leg on an enormous beast the size of a small mountain as they stepped into the arena.

Everywhere the enormous beast passed, the arena and the surrounding spectating arena experienced a wave of shaking as if the ground was quaking.

"Earth Bear!"

"It's an Earth Bear!"

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Instantly, many spectators in the spectating area couldn't refrain from crying out in sharp voices.

"Earth Bear?" Duan Ling Tian's gaze couldn't help but descend onto the enormous beast.

This enormous beast had a figure that was enormous like a

mountain.

The earlier Flame Lion was simply like a child when compared to it.

This enormous beast was a bear type demon beast.

But compared to ordinary bears, it was much more savage and terrifying...

Its pair of crimson red eyes seemed to resent everything.

That pair of sharp fangs even seemed as if they could pierce through everything.

On its four bear paws, its sharp claws flickered with a frightful cold light.

"Earth Beast, a Void Prying Stage demon beast... A mature Earth Bear had a strength that was at least at the fourth level of the Void Prying Stage, and a stronger Earth Bear was at the fifth or sixth level of the Void Prying Stage." In Duan Ling Tian's mind, the memories of the Rebirth Martial Emperor flashed by, and he'd found the record related to the Void Prying Stage demon beast, Earth Bear.

The Earth Bear was an extremely terrifying demon beast.

"Supposedly, the Earth Bear has a special comprehension of Earth Force that's similar to the Flame Lion's comprehension of Fire Force! In the comprehension of Force, no matter if it was the Flame Lion or Earth Bear, they were both outstanding amongst demon beasts." Duan Ling Tian thought in his heart.

"Roar!!" When the Earth Bear arrived within the arena and saw the gazes from the surroundings descending onto it, it went completely berserk.

On the surface of its body, milky white Origin Energy skyrocketed!

Suffused within the milky white Origin Energy was strands of earthen yellow energy.

Presently, accompanying the Earth Bear's movements, the shaking of the ground became slightly more intense, and the seats where Duan Ling Tian's group sat was even shaken to the point it started to sway.

Whereas in the sky above the Earth Bear, 6,500 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared out of thin air...

"Fourth level Void Prying Stage demon beast! Half-step Advanced Earth Force!" At this moment, Duan Ling Tian confirmed the strength of the Earth Bear.

"Crazy Young Master, are you confident?" Chen Shao Shuai

looked at Luo Zhan and asked with a smile.

Luo Zhan had a serious expression as he shook his head, and then as if he recalled something, a wisp of a smile appeared on the corners of his mouth.

"I remember Duan Ling Tian said that fourth level Void Prying Stage demon beasts were his." Luo Zhan looked at Duan Ling Tian with an expression of anticipation.

Chapter 539: Mysterious Blood

Duan Ling Tian sized up the Earth Bear with interest.

Presently, the old man that presided over the Caged Battle Arena seemed to be helpless against the Earth Bear and allowed it to be restless.

He didn't dare strike a heavy blow onto the Earth Bear, as it still had to earn money for the Caged Battle Arena.

If the Earth Bear were to be injured by him, then another would surely gain an unfair advantage against it in the subsequent cage battle.

"Guests, this is a fourth level Void Prying Stage demon beast, Earth Bear... If any fourth level Void Prying Stage guest is interested, feel free to enter the arena and battle the Earth Bear!" The old man's voice sounded out clearly.

"Not only is this Earth Bear at the fourth level of the Void Prying Stage, it had even comprehended Half-step Advanced Earth Force... It's extremely difficult for a fourth level Void Prying Stage martial artist to kill it without relying on any external source of strength."

"Yeah, if a fourth level Void Prying Stage martial artist encountered this Earth Bear, then the chances of surviving was near to zero!"

"I'm afraid no one would dare enter the arena."

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Many people discussed animatedly.

"If no one enters the arena, then will the Caged Battle Arena send out a fourth level Void Prying Stage slave to have a cage battle with this Earth Bear?" Duan Ling Tian asked Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai curiously.

"Impossible!" Luo Zhan shook his head. "You're hoping for too much... Once a demon beast or slave at the first level of the Void Prying Stage and above enters into the arena and isn't challenged by someone, they would directly leave the arena! Then, a Nascent Soul Stage slave and demon beast would enter the arena instead."

Chen Shao Shuai nodded as well. "Exactly! No matter if it was a slave or demon beast, existences at the Void Prying Stage and above were an enormous wealth to the Caged Battle Arena. The Caged Battle Arena would usually not allow a slave and demon beast at the first level of the Void Prying Stage or above to fight and kill each other."

Duan Ling Tian came to a sudden understanding.

"Just like now, if no fourth level Void Prying Stage challenges the Earth Bear, the Earth Bear would be taken out of the arena by

members of the Caged Battle Arena... And they wouldn't find a fourth level Void Prying Stage slave to enter the arena and lose his life!" Luo Zhan added.

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

"Duan Ling Tian, unless you hold back your strength and want to take a beating... Otherwise, it isn't difficult for you to kill this Earth Bear." Chen Shai Shuai said with a smile.

Luo Zhan nodded with deep agreement, as he was extremely clear of Duan Ling Tian's strength.

Not to mention his cultivation at the fourth level of the Void Prying Stage, Duan Ling Tian had even comprehended two types of Half-step Advanced Force.

An ordinary fourth level Void Prying Stage martial artist or demon beast being able to comprehend one type of Half-step Advanced Force was already considered to be possessing shocking comprehension.

But Duan Ling Tian instead had directly comprehended two types.

His comprehension could be called monstrous!

"There's no rush, let's first see what reward the person that kills the Earth Bear is able to obtain from the Caged Battle Arena." Duan

Ling Tian smiled lightly and his gaze descended onto the old man in the arena.

Meanwhile, the old man raised his hand, and a drop of fiery red liquid appeared in his hand.

The fiery red liquid flickered with a fine light, and it seemed especially dazzling like a crimson star in the night sky.

"If a fourth level Void Prying Stage guest is able to kill this Earth Bear, then the guest will be able to obtain this drop of mysterious blood..." The old man's voice slowly sounded out.

"Mysterious blood?" The old man's words aroused the interest of the group of spectators.

"What is this mysterious blood? What use does it have?" Instantly, many spectators asked in loud voices.

"Good question." The old man said with a smile, "This drop of mysterious blood was obtained by Prince Sheng many years ago by chance... This drop of mysterious blood is something that even a grade five Alchemist's Pill Fire was completely helpless against it!"

As soon as the old man finished speaking.

Hiss! Hiss! Hiss! Hiss! Hiss!

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The sounds of gasping rose and fell endlessly in the surroundings of the arena.

Even the Pill Fire of a grade five Alchemist was helpless against the mere drop of blood?

"Is it really true?" Many spectators spoke out in doubt.

After all, the Pill Fire of a grade five Alchemist was almost able to melt everything they knew of...

That was a grade five Pill Fire!

Unless it was a rare material of legend, otherwise, there were very little things that a grade five Pill Fire was unable to melt.

"Even if everyone doesn't believe our Caged Battle Arena, you ought to believe Prince Sheng's Estate, right?" The old man smiled lightly as he continued. "Not only is a grade five Alchemist's grade five Pill Fire unable to do anything to this drop of mysterious blood... Even if it's a Void Initiation Stage Inscription Master, the Inscription Master's Spiritual Force was dispersed before it could even come near to the mysterious blood." The old man's words caused the spectating area to become deathly silent.

"Exactly what demon beast's blood is this? It's actually so peculiar!" Many people couldn't help but sigh with emotion.

They naturally wouldn't think that this was the blood of a human.

What a joke!

It was practically impossible for a human's blood to be so abnormal.

"Our Prince Sheng's Estate has studied this drop of mysterious blood for many years and have paid an extremely great price for it... However, we gained nothing in the end! So, today, our Prince Sheng's Estate has taken it out to be the reward for the fourth level Void Prying Stage guest that kills the Earth Bear." The old man said with a sonorous voice, "No matter who it is, so long as you kill the Earth Bear, you'll be able to obtain this drop of mysterious blood... I presume everyone already knows very well in their heart about how extraordinary this mysterious blood is."

"If anyone is able to unearth its secrets, perhaps that person will be able to soar into the sky with a single leap!" Needless to say, the old man's words were extremely infectious.

For a time, many fourth level Void Prying Stage martial artists were eager to enter the arena.

But when they thought of how the Earth Bear had comprehended Half-step Advanced Earth Force, they had an extra sense of hesitation.

When faced with an Earth Bear that had comprehended Half-step Advanced Earth Force, even if it was a fourth level Void Prying Stage martial artist that had similarly comprehended Half-step Advanced Force; if the martial artist didn't rely on the assistance of external sources of strength, the martial artist wouldn't dare battle it.

The Earth Force was a type of force of nature.

Once one stood on the ground and executed it, one would be able to draw support from the energy of the earth and would be able to increase one's strength by a certain amount.

"Roar!!" Right at this moment, the Earth Bear emitted an enormous roar once again.

The earth started shaking once again.

This time, ancient mammoth silhouettes condensed into form once again above the Earth Bear's head.

But, it wasn't 6,500 ancient mammoth silhouettes this time, but instead was 6,800 ancient mammoth silhouettes!

The strength of a fourth level Void Prying Stage demon beast was comparable to the strength of 6,000 ancient mammoths.

The Half-step Advanced Earth Force was comparable to the strength of 500 ancient mammoths.

As for the extra strength of 300 ancient mammoths that the Earth Bear possessed, it was instead an amplification of strength from drawing support from the energy of the earth.

The Earth Force was able to fuse into one with the earth and draw support from the energy of the earth.

As for how much energy the Earth Force was able draw support from the earth, it would depend on the level of comprehension of Earth Force.

At this moment, when they saw the Earth Bear demonstrate its might with their own two eyes, and it drew upon the energy of heaven and earth to develop 6,800 ancient mammoth silhouettes.

The fourth level Void Prying Stage martial artists that were eager to enter the arena were completely terrified.

Those that stood up had sat back down, and those that were just intending to stand up moved their butts back.

All of them broke out with slight cold sweat.

"The Earth Bear I too terrifying! Unless it's a fourth level Void Prying Stage martial artist that has comprehended Advanced Force... Otherwise, it's almost impossible to defeat the Earth Bear!"

Many spectators sighed with emotion.

All of them felt that this round of cage battle would probably come to nothing.

"I heard long ago, when one stands on the ground and executes Earth Force, one can draw support from the energy of the earth... Today, I can be considered to have experienced it." Chen Shao Shuai sighed with emotion.

"If it's a space without restrictions, then so long as one soars up into the sky, one would be completely capable of moving away from the ground and causing the human martial artist or demon beast that has comprehended Earth Force to be unable to draw support from the energy of the earth... But the Caged Battle Arena is restricted by that enormous iron cage, and one completely has no way of avoiding the area of attack of the Earth Bear that stood on the ground." Luo Zhan took a deep breath and his eyes were filled with fear.

It was precisely because he'd thought of this since long ago that he didn't have the courage to battle the Earth Bear.

"Duan Ling Tian..." In next to no time, Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai looked at Duan Ling Tian, as they wanted to know Duan Ling Tian's intentions.

But they quickly noticed that since an unknown time, Duan Ling Tian sat there with a dazed expression, and he looked at the old man that presided over the Caged Battle Arena with a blank gaze.

Precisely speaking, he was looking at the drop of fiery red colored mysterious blood in the old man's hand.

"Scarlet Phoenix Blood... It's the blood of a Scarlet Phoenix!" It was like a tempestuous storm had arisen in the heart of Duan Ling Tian who had a dazed expression.

Heavens!

What have I seen?

I've actually seen the blood of a Scarlet Phoenix here...

The Scarlet Phoenix was an extremely formidable demon beast.

In terms of natural talent, it even surpassed the Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse slightly.

There was a rumor in Cloud Continent.

The Scarlet Phoenix was the descendants of Phoenixes.

Whereas Phoenixes were Divine Beasts.

They were existences that were on par with true Dragons, and their strengths were exceedingly formidable.

Of course, no matter if it was the Phoenix or the Dragon that was equally famous, they were both existences of legend.

At least, an existence like this hadn't appeared in Cloud Continent.

Even if it was the so-called dragon that occasionally appeared, it was only a fellow that was half a wyrm and half a dragon, and it wasn't a true Dragon.

Furthermore, even if it was these fellows that were half dragon and half wyrm, their strengths were extremely terrifying, and this was only because the blood of a Dragon flowed within them.

Just like the Scarlet Phoenix, the blood of the Phoenix flowed within it.

"According to the memories of the Rebirth Martial Emperor... He's once obtained an ancient medicinal formula during his first lifetime, and at the side of that medicinal formula was a bottle that was refined from unknown materials.

"Within that bottle was a drop of Scarlet Phoenix Blood!" Duan Ling Tian's mood surged.

"Whereas that medicinal formula recorded a medicinal pill that is refined by using the blood of the Scarlet Phoenix as a medicinal catalyst...

"The medicinal pill is called the Rebirth Pill!"

Rebirth Pill!

Resurrection had always been the special ability of the phoenix of legend.

Whereas using the blood of the Scarlet Phoenix which has the blood of the Phoenix flowing within it as the medicinal catalyst, the Rebirth Pill was instead able to be refined.

Of course, the Rebirth Pill wasn't able to actually allow one to be resurrected.

"The place the Rebirth Martial Emperor obtained the medicinal formula for the Rebirth Pill and the Scarlet Phoenix blood all those years was a mysterious ruins... The Three Lives Rebirth Technique the Rebirth Martial Emperor cultivated came from that ruins as well!" Duan Ling Tian swiftly searched through the memories of the Rebirth Martial Emperor and he found out about many things.

"Even if it was the Rebirth Martial Emperor who had experienced two lifetimes and was at his prime, he was still unable to discern who left that ruins behind..." Unknowingly, Duan Ling Tian had returned to his senses.

"Scarlet Phoenix blood!" Burning flames silently blazed deep within Duan Ling Tian's gaze.

Chapter 540: Duan Ling Tian's Cage Battle

"Is there any guest that wants to undergo a cage battle with this Earth Bear?" The old man within the Caged Battle Arena spoke out to confirm once more.

"Half-Step Advanced Earth Force and drawing support from the energy of the earth? The strength of 6,800 ancient mammoths? Slightly interesting." Duan Ling Tian calmed his feelings that were surging because of the Scarlet Phoenix blood and the corners of his mouth curled into a meaningful arc.

Whoosh!

In the next moment, Duan Ling Tian left his seat and seemed to have transformed into a bolt of lightning that shot towards the enormous iron cage that enveloped the entire arena.

In the sky, 6,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes condensed into form.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse stayed at the seat and looked excitedly at Duan Ling Tian who dashed towards the arena, and it was as if she was cheering for Duan Ling Tian.

"Fourth... Fourth level Void Prying Stage!" The face of Prince Sheng's Estate's Little Prince, Zhang Heng, who sat nearby with feelings of indignant resentment became extremely unsightly.

Never had he imagined that the young man that was ridiculed by him earlier actually possessed such a terrifying strength.

Most importantly, this young man's age was obviously younger than him by a few years.

"His age looks to be around 25... Yet his cultivation is at the fourth level of the Void Prying Stage? Exactly who is he?" The crowd of spectators nearby the spectating area Duan Ling Tian sat at were all curious.

"He came with Crazy Young Master... Could it be that he's a member of the Dragon and Phoenix Academy?"

"Amongst the genius students in the Dragon and Phoenix Academy, it seems that only the genius disciple of the former Seven Star Sword Sect, Duan Ling Tian, conforms to these conditions... Could it be that he's Duan Ling Tian?"

"It's possible!"

"Besides Duan Ling Tian, our Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom doesn't have any other monstrous genius like this."

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In next to no time, the spectators guessed Duan Ling Tian's identity from their discussions.

"Duan Ling Tian!"

"Duan Ling Tian!"

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Along with the passage of time, practically all the few tens of thousands of spectators in the entire Caged Battle Arena knew that the young man that entered the arena now was Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian, the genius disciple of the former Seven Star Sword Sect.

A few years ago, he'd once defeated Saber Young Master and Zither Young Master, causing his name to shake the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

Later on, the Seven Star Sword Sect was annihilated and Duan Ling Tian had entered the Dragon and Phoenix Academy, and he revealed a natural talent and comprehension ability that was even more monstrous than the rumors said...

Since that time, Duan Ling Tian seemed to have become a legend of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

Now Duan Ling Tian wanted to enter the arena and battle the Earth Bear?

For a time, their hearts were filled with anticipation.

"He's that Duan Ling Tian?!" Zhang Heng's face sank.

Although he was wandering about outside of the city for many years and had only returned lately, Duan Ling Tian's name was like thunder reverberating in his ears.

Duan Ling Tian, a peerless and monstrous genius that had suddenly risen to prominence a few years ago. After he rose, he seemed to press down the limelight of the five great young masters of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

He was called the unprecedented genius martial artist of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom!

The expression of the old man that stood behind Zhang Heng became serious.

When Duan Ling Tian arrived before the enormous iron cage, the worker of the arena had a reverent expression as he walked forward and opened up the door that led to the arena.

From the beginning until the end, Duan Ling Tian had a calm expression as he watched this.

Whirlwind!

In the next moment, Duan Ling Tian's figure moved, seeming to have transformed into a gale that flashed into the arena.

Whoosh!

Duan Ling Tian stood in midair and looked calmly at the Earth Bear that was beneath the old man's leg.

"Roar!!" The Earth Bear seemed to know why Duan Ling Tian had come, and its scarlet red eyes revealed icy coldness.

Not only that.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

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The Earth Bear continued to struggle beneath the old man's feet, and the Origin Energy and Half-step Advanced Earth Force shot out from its body, causing the ground of the entire Caged Battle Arena to quake.

"Duan Ling Tian!" The old man that was in-charge of presiding over the Caged Battle Arena looked at Duan Ling Tian with a gaze that revealed slight surprise. "The peerless genius of the former Seven Star Sword Sect has a well-deserved reputation as expected... But, are you sure you want to undergo a caged battle

with the Earth Bear?

"After all, with your natural talent and strength, it isn't difficult for you to win one of the five places to head to the Darkstone Empire in the Genius Competition half a month from now."

"If I was you, I'd surely not take the risk." The old man spoke word by word.

His words seemed to have the intention of persuading Duan Ling Tian.

"Thank you for your concern, Senior... But I've already decided." Duan Ling Tian smiled lightly and was neither arrogant nor humble.

"Very good." The old man nodded. "Since you've decided, then if I say anything further, it would seem to be slightly annoying... Get ready, I'll leave this Earth Bear after the time of ten breaths! At that time, between you and the Earth Bear, only one of you can survive."

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

The time of ten breaths wasn't long.

However, at this moment, the crowd of spectators in the spectating area had all held their breaths.

After a short moment, they once again went into an uproar.

"Duan Ling Tian is too rash!"

"Yeah, his future is limitless. There's no need to enter the Caged Battle Arena and take a risk."

"Although I heard long ago that he'd comprehended two Half-step Advanced Forces, he'd only be stronger by the strength of 200 ancient mammoths when compared with the Earth Bear that has drawn support from the energy of the earth."

"Not only can the Earth Bear draw support from the energy of the earth, it even possesses extremely tough fur and skin. If it's combined with Earth Force and the energy of the earth, it can form an extremely terrifying defense!"

"I hope he can kill the Earth Bear and escape this calamity... Otherwise, our Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom will lose an important genius."

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The hearts of many spectators were at their throats for Duan Ling Tian.

As far as they were concerned, Duan Ling Tian's situation was

extremely bad.

"Hmph! Overestimating your abilities." Zhang Heng laughed in ridicule, and his eyes contained a slight mocking expression mixed within. "Daring to enter the arena and undergo a caged battle with the Earth Bear is simply courting death!"

"No matter if he's courting death or not... It's much better than some people. Some people might even not have the courage to enter the arena and not have the courage to battle the Earth Bear." Chen Shao Shuai spoke indifferently as he ridiculed in return.

His words were utterly blunt.

Similar to Luo Zhan, he didn't take Zhang Heng seriously in the slightest.

"What did you say?!" Zhang Heng's face was gloomy, and the Origin Energy on his body surged as if he wanted to launch an attack towards Chen Shao Shuai.

Whereas Chen Shao Shuai wasn't worried in the slightest, and he had a calm expression.

His eyes flickered with a fierce sheen, and they were like swords that would shoot out at his call!

"Little Prince!" Zhang Heng was just intending to leave his seat when he was stopped by the old man behind him.

"Elder Ping, what're you doing?" Zhang Heng had an extremely unsightly expression as he asked with a low voice.

The old man didn't pay attention to Zhang Heng and instead looked at Chen Shao Shuai with a burning gaze. "If I'm not wrong, you ought to be Sword Young Master, right?"

Chen Shao Shuai's eyes that were like swords swept past the old man as he said indifferently, "The member of Prince Sheng's Estate aren't simple as expected."

At this moment, Chen Shao Shuai had undoubtedly admitted his own identity.

"Sword Young Master?!" When Zhang Heng heard the old man's words, his expression went pale.

Now when he heard Chen Shao Shuai confirm it, he felt his back become chilly...

He felt a wave of powerlessness and humiliation in his heart.

These three fellows that he looked down upon earlier had actually caused terror to arise from his heart now.

This feeling caused him to feel extremely uncomfortable.

"Ten breaths of time is up!" Right at this moment, a sonorous voice sounded out from the arena.

Subsequently, the spectators present were able to see clearly that the old man who stood on the back of the Earth Bear and intentionally restrained the Earth Bear has risen up into the sky.

"Roar!!" After the old man left, the Earth Bear roared explosively as it regained its freedom, and its pair of scarlet red and fierce eyes stared fixedly at Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian stood in the sky with a calm expression.

Bang!

Finally, the Earth Bear moved.

Its enormous body abruptly strode forward, and its four thick and solid bear paws fiercely descended onto the ground.

Rumble!

A wave of quaking shook the ground.

Whoosh!

One of the Earth Bear's paws suddenly raised up, and Origin

Energy condensed and Half-step Advanced Earth Force suffused on its sharp claws.

In the sky, 6,500 ancient mammoth silhouettes condensed into form and accumulated strength while waiting to be deployed.

Swish!

Instantly, accompanied with the Earth Bear's claw flashing out, the vast and boundless Origin Energy immediately transformed into a material claw mark that flashed directly towards Duan Ling Tian.

It seemed as if it wanted to tear Duan Ling Tian into pieces!

Duan Ling Tian gazed at the scene before him with a calm gaze, and he had no intention of dodging.

Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian made a move.

Tempest Point!

With a raise of his hand, Duan Ling Tian pointed out.

Swish!

The point force condensed into form by Origin Energy was

accompanied by Half-step Advanced Lightning Force and Half-step Advanced Wind Force as it swept out.

In the sky, 7,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes condensed into form.

The Tempest Point's point force was like a falling meteor as it descended towards the Origin Energy claw mark.

Bang!

The Tempest Point's point force easily shattered the Origin Energy claw mark and didn't lose momentum in the slightest as it descended and crashed onto the Earth Bear.

"Roar!!" Practically at the instant the Tempest Point's point force shattered the Origin Energy claw mark, a layer of material Origin Energy light barrier had appeared on the surface of the Earth Bear's body.

Not only that, Half-step Advanced Earth Force followed like a shadow on the Origin Energy light barrier.

Besides that, the Earth Bear had also drawn support from the energy of the earth.

In the sky above the Earth Bear, another 300 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared beside the existing 6,500 ancient mammoth silhouettes...

It was precisely the strength the energy of the earth had bestowed upon the Earth Bear.

Bang!

The Tempest Point blasted onto the Earth Bear, and at the same time that it shattered the Origin Energy light barrier on the surface of the Earth Bear's body, the point force dispersed along with it.

The Earth Bear's body only shook, yet wasn't injured in the slightest.

"What a formidable defense!" Duan Ling Tian's brows raised.

The exchange of moves between Duan Ling Tian and the Earth Bear had only occurred in the blink of an eye...

However, merely a collision of a single move had lifted the atmosphere of the scene.

Today, at this moment, the atmosphere in the Caged Battle Arena had almost arrived at the peak.

"Duan Ling Tian!"

"Duan Ling Tian!"

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Many spectators cried out sharply with Duan Ling Tian's name.

Of course, everyone had different thoughts.

"Duan Ling Tian is actually like the rumors say and has comprehended two types of Half-step Advanced Force!" Zhang Heng's expression was unsightly to the extreme, and strands of flames of jealousy leaped about deep within his eyes.

"He's so many years younger than me, but on what basis does he have such high comprehension ability?" Zhang Heng's feelings were slightly warped and he was extremely not resigned.

He felt his natural talent and comprehension ability was already not bad, and it even wasn't much inferior to those five great young masters.

However, before Duan Ling Tian, he instead seemed to be ordinary to the extreme.

He felt it was difficult to accept all this.

Chapter 541: Scarlet Phoenix Blood, Obtained!

"Looks like it isn't easy to defeat the Earth Bear even for Duan Ling Tian." Luo Zhan sighed.

"Yeah... I never imagined that the Earth Bear's defense was actually so terrifying like this!" Chen Shao Shuai deeply agreed.

In the air above the Caged Battle Arena, the eyes of the old man that presided over the arena revealed slight surprise.

"Duan Ling Tian is really as terrifying as the rumors say... At such a young age, his cultivation has stepped into the fourth level of the Void Prying Stage and has even comprehended two types of Half-step Advanced Force. It's truly shocking!" Duan Ling Tian had shocked the old man.

"Roar!!" Although Duan Ling Tian's Tempest Point was unable to injure the Earth Bear, it had successfully enraged it.

The Earth Bear raised its head to look at Duan Ling Tian as it emitted an enraged roar that was angry to the extreme, and its pair of scarlet red eyes even didn't contain the slightest feelings.

Bang!

Under the gazes of everyone present, the four paws of the Earth

Bear abruptly stomped on the ground, and its body that was enormous like a mountain charged into the sky.

Whoosh!

Although the Earth Bear's body was enormous, its speed wasn't slow in the slightest, and it seemed to have transformed into a giant cannonball as it fiercely blasted towards Duan Ling Tian.

Its pair of sharp fangs even flickered with a ghastly and cold sheen, and it seemed as if it could penetrate everything!

It could be imagined that if Duan Ling Tian was struck by this Earth Bear's fangs, his body would surely have two savage bloody holes penetrated in his body.

"Hmph!" When faced with the Earth Bear's fangs that were suffused with Half-step Advanced Earth Force and possessed raging Origin Energy, Duan Ling Tian's gaze went slightly cold and didn't have the slightest fear.

Whirlwind!

Duan Ling Tian's body moved with the wind, and moved to intercept the Earth Bear while accompanied by a wave of the sound of muffled thunder.

"When the Earth Bear left the ground, it's equivalent to abandoning the advantage of the Earth Force, and it's unable to

draw support from the energy of the earth." Duan Ling Tian knew clearly in his heart that once the Earth Bear left the ground, it was equivalent to giving up the strength of 300 ancient mammoths.

Presently, it was charging over, and accompanying it to charge over was only 6,500 ancient mammoth silhouettes in the sky.

Tempest Point!

Duan Ling Tian's hands moved out together as he pointed out with two fingers, and his targets were straight towards the Earth Bear's fangs.

Swish! Swish!

The point force of the Tempest Point twined around Duan Ling Tian's fingers and it was as if he was assisted by the god as he moved, intending to collide head on with the Earth Bear's fangs.

"Roar!!" The Earth Bear let out an enraged roar once again, and the Origin Energy barrier appeared on its body once again, and arising along with it was the Half-step Advanced Earth Force.

Obviously, it wanted to repeat the same move and obstruct Duan Ling Tian's Tempest Point.

"Do you think that you'll be as fortunate as before?" The corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth curled into a cold smile.

His fingers pointed out, and the Tempest Point's point force that was twined on his two fingers suddenly vibrated intensely...

The frequency of the vibrations grew higher and higher.

Quake Energy at the extreme!

"Earlier, if I used the Quake Energy at the extreme, the defensive light barrier that was fueled by the strength of 6,800 ancient mammoth silhouettes might not be able to defend against it... Let alone now!" Disdain emerged in Duan Ling Tian's heart.

It was disdain towards the Earth Bear!

The fearsomeness of the Quake Energy at the extreme was something that only people who'd experienced it themselves would know.

Om! Om!

The frequency of the vibration of the Tempest Point was increased to the limit.

Finally, Duan Ling Tian's two fingers collided with the Earth Bear's pair of fangs.

In the eyes of the outsiders, Duan Ling Tian's physique was

utterly unable to be compared with the Earth Bear.

The length of a single fang of the Earth Bear was able to compare to Duan Ling Tian's height.

"Has this Duan Ling Tian gone mad?" When they saw Duan Ling Tian wanted to face the Earth Bear that charged over head on, many spectators couldn't help but shake their heads.

They all felt that Duan Ling Tian was overestimating himself.

"This fellow, Duan Ling Tian, is truly a madman!" Chen Shao Shuai and Luo Zhan glanced at each other, and they both saw shock in each other's eyes.

"Courting death!" When Zhang Heng saw this scene, the corners of his mouth revealed a smile of ridicule that was filled with delight.

At this moment, he seemed to have already seen the scene of Duan Ling Tian's body being pierced by the fangs of the Earth Bear.

Bang! Bang!

Two ear piercing sounds suddenly sounded out and entered into the ears of everyone in the Caged Battle Arena.

"This..."

"How could this be possible?!"

"He... He actually broke the Earth Bear's defense!"

...

A wave of astonished voices sounded out in the Caged Battle Arena, and they rose and fell.

In the sky above the Caged Battle Arena, Duan Ling Tian pointed out with his two fingers, and the two Tempest Points had actually directly broken off the Earth Bear's fangs.

Not only that, everyone clearly saw that along with Duan Ling Tian's fingers continuing forward, the Earth Bear's fangs shattered and transformed into nothingness in the end.

Pu! Pu!

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian's fingers fiercely pierced into the Earth Bear's skull.

"Aowu!!" The Earth Bear let out a deafening shrill cry, and its enormous body started vibrating intensely.

"Crack crack..." The clear sounds of bones breaking and shattering sounded out without end.

The grievous howls of the Earth Bear gradually became lower then completely vanished in the end.

Under the gazes of everyone present, the Earth Bear's scarlet eyes were spread wide open as its enormous figure crashed onto the ground and fiercely plunged onto the arena.

Subsequently, a tremor shook out in the entire arena.

Whereas the Earth Bear was completely devoid of any signs of life.

It was dead.

The surroundings of the arena was deathly silent.

The gazes of everyone sometimes descended onto the enormous body of the dead Earth Bear, and sometimes shot at the sky above the arena.

In the sky above the arena, a violet clothed young man stood proudly in the air.

Drip! Drip!

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On the pair of index fingers he'd casually placed at his sides, numerous drops of dazzling fresh blood slowly dripped down.

That was the blood of the Earth Bear.

At this moment, everyone at the scene felt a chill run down their spines.

"How did he do it?" In the sky above the arena, the old man who was in-charge of presiding over the caged battles was completely dumbstruck.

The scene from before was something that even he had never expected.

He originally thought that even if the Earth Bear didn't rely on drawing support from the energy of the earth, Duan Ling Tian would absolutely be unable to break open its defense.

But the facts proved that he'd overestimated the Earth Bear.

No!

It ought to be said that he'd underestimated Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian's strength had exceeded his imagination.

Abnormal!" Luo Zhan's hand that held on the armrest of the chair shook and the armrest was forcefully broken off by him.

"Freak!" Chen Shao Shuai's figure stiffened.

Although the two of them were filled with confidence towards Duan Ling Tian since the beginning, after they witnessed the terrifying defense of the Earth Bear, they were both slightly lacking in confidence and doubtful...

They doubted if Duan Ling Tian was really able to kill the Earth Bear and win this caged battle.

The facts proved that they were thinking too much.

The Earth Bear was nothing to Duan Ling Tian.

"No... Impossible... How could this be possible?!" Zhang Heng ceaselessly shook his head, and he was unwilling to believe that the scene before his eyes was real.

Duan Ling Tian's strength was actually terrifying to this extent!

Before him, the Earth Bear was actually like a piece of paper, and it was unbelievable.

"As expected of the figure that's able to suppress the five great young master, he's extraordinary as expected." The old man behind Zhang Heng gasped, and he looked at Duan Ling Tian with eyes that were filled with fear.

"Duan Ling Tian has won!"

"Haha... I bet on Duan Ling Tian, I've earned a lot of money this time!"

"F**k! I thought the Earth Bear was so formidable, but I never expected that Duan Ling Tian would kill it with his second move! To think that I bet so much money on the Earth Bear."

"I almost bet on the Earth Bear as well."

...

The crowd of spectators on the spectating areas had mixed thoughts.

Of course, there were even more people who stood up in excitement and cheered for Duan Ling Tian.

"Duan Ling Tian, nice!"

"As expected of the most monstrous genius martial artist in the history of our Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, he deserves his

reputation!"

"The presence of Duan Ling Tian in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom is truly the good fortune of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom!"

...

The group of spectators didn't stint with their praise in the slightest.

Whereas Duan Ling Tian instead didn't care much about all this.

What he cared about was the blood of the Scarlet Phoenix!

The mysterious blood that the old man who presided over the arena spoke of.

"Senior." Duan Ling Tian looked at the old man that was still staring blankly and took the initiative to remind him.

The old man recovered from his shock and glanced at Duan Ling Tian with a complicated gaze, then he raised his hand and passed over the drop of fiery red blood to Duan Ling Tian. "Duan Ling Tian, congratulations."

"Thank you Senior." Duan Ling Tian received the fiery red blood and kept it into his Spatial Ring as if he's obtained a precious

treasure.

He exerted great effort to suppress the excitement in his heart.

After he obtained the Scarlet Phoenix blood, Duan Ling Tian left the arena and returned to the seating area.

Everywhere he passed, the mass of spectators saluted him with their eyes.

"Hmph!" Only that Zhang Heng's face was extremely gloomy, and a ruthless sheen flashed within his eyes.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse transformed into a gold light when she saw Duan Ling Tian return, and she was extremely joyous when she descended onto Duan Ling Tian's shoulder.

It was as if she was happy for Duan Ling Tian because he was victorious in the cage battle.

"Duan Ling Tian, you really have ability... That Earth Bear's defensive strength was so terrifying, yet it was directly broken by you!" Luo Zhan sighed with emotion.

"Looks like you've been holding back when you spar with us normally." Chen Shao Shuai glanced deeply at Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian smiled lightly and didn't say anything further.

Presently, all his thoughts were on that drop of Scarlet Phoenix blood.

The Scarlet Phoenix blood was able to be refined into a Rebirth Pill.

Whereas a Rebirth Pill was a type of extremely overbearing medicinal pill.

"During the Rebirth Martial Emperor's first lifetime, he only possessed the strength to stand proudly before all the Martial Emperors in Cloud Continent after consuming the Rebirth Pill... Most importantly, there was no restriction in cultivation to consume the Rebirth Pill!" Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath, and his mood surged extremely.

"If I'm able to successfully refine the Rebirth Pill before the Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties and consume it... Why would I need to worry about being unable to compete with the young geniuses of the various Dynasties?" A burning sheen appeared in Duan Ling Tian's eyes, and his eyes were filled with yearning.

The caged battles within the arena continued.

Numerous fierce beasts, demon beast, and slaves entered the arena one by one. They either fought each other or fought the people that entered the arena, and it was utterly wonderful.

Amongst them, there was a third level Void Prying Stage slave that entered the arena and Sword Young Master had entered the arena to have a cage battle with him.

Presently, Sword Young Master's cultivation had already broken through to the third level of the Void Prying Stage, and he was merely a level inferior to Duan Ling Tian and Crazy Young Master.

Even though he was unable to use a spirit weapon, the three foot long sword light that Sword Young Master condensed on his finger, combined with the Half-step Advanced Sword Force he'd comprehended, was capable of destroying any obstacle.

The third level Void Prying Stage slave was killed by him in a single move, and he'd obtained the corresponding reward.

Chapter 542: I want him dead!

"This Sword Young Master is stronger than that Crazy Young Master?" Zhang Heng's pupils constricted.

Because Luo Zhan only used a cultivation at the second level of the Void Prying Stage when he attacked Zhang Heng earlier, Zhang Heng determined that Luo Zhan's cultivation was inferior to Sword Young Master.

At the same time, Zhang Heng didn't forget to mock Crazy Young Master, "What first ranked amongst the five great young masters? You're even inferior to Sword Young Master... Undeserved Reputation!"

When Zhang Heng's voice sounded out, it caused both Duan Ling Tian and Sword Young Master to be unable to refrain from being stunned, then the both of them smiled as they glanced at Luo Zhan.

"Haha... Crazy Young Master, did you hear? You're inferior to me." Chen Shao Shuai spoke slightly complacently.

"I'm inferior to you? Want to try?" Battle intent leaped about in Luo Zhan's eyes as he spoke indifferently.

Chen Shao Shuai angrily rolled his eyes at Luo Zhan when he heard this. "If you want to try, then try with Duan Ling Tian... You're two years older to me at any rate, is it worth taking pride in your cultivation being superior to mine?"

Time flowed silently by.

In next to no time, a fourth level Void Prying Stage slave entered into the arena.

This time, Luo Zhan left his seat impatiently, and this caused Duan Ling Tian and Chen Shao Shuai to be unable to help but look at each other and smile.

They were able to perceive that as the Crazy Young Master, and as the one ranked at the top of the five great young masters, Luo Zhan had his own arrogance.

Now, he wanted to use actions to fiercely slap Zhang Heng's face!

He wanted to let Zhang Heng know of his true strength.

Whereas when Zhang Heng saw Luo Zhan sash out and the 6,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes that dashed out with him in the sky, he was completely dumbstruck.

"He... He actually concealed his cultivation?" Zhang Heng's expression was unsightly as he suddenly felt that he was like a clown earlier.

Only the group of spectators in the spectating area weren't surprised.

Crazy Young Master was the top figure amongst the five great young masters of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, after all.

Presently, Sword Young Master had already broken through to the third level of the Void Prying Stage, so Crazy Young Master breaking through to the fourth level of the Void Prying Stage wasn't surprising at all.

"Crazy Young Master!"

"Crazy Young Master!"

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On the spectating area that surrounded the area, the group of spectators stood up excitedly as they cheered loudly.

As the figure who was the top figure amongst the five great young masters, Crazy Young Master had been famous for a long time, and the people that admired him were innumerable.

Whereas at this moment, Luo Zhan walked into the arena.

When the fourth level Void Prying Stage slave saw Luo Zhan stand before him, boundless scarlet red appeared in his eyes.

"Crazy Young Master, I'll kill you!" The slave's voice was hoarse

and mixed with ruthlessness, and it was like a demon beast that had opened its bloody mouth and was waiting for a chance to swallow Luo Zhan up.

"That will depend on if you have the ability." Luo Zhan spoke indifferently, and he completely disregarded the words of the slave.

"HA!" Suddenly, the slave shouted out explosively, then his figure flashed like the wind, and he seemed to have transformed into an eagle that shot towards Luo Zhan.

He seemed as if he wanted to tear Luo Zhan in half!

When this slave attacked, besides raging Origin Energy, there were strands of light azure colored energy mixed within the claw imaged that covered the sky.

In the sky, 6,200 ancient mammoth silhouettes condensed into form.

Fourth level of the Void Prying Stage!

Elementary Wind Force!

The claw moved with the wind with extreme speed, and it was shocking.

Of course, the swiftness of this speed was only towards ordinary martial artists.

In the eyes of Luo Zhan, this slave's speed was nothing.

Bang!

With a raise of his hand, Luo Zhan's Origin Energy skyrocketed and a punch shot out.

On Luo Zhan's fist, a strand of Origin Energy that had condensed into form stabbed out, and it seemed to have transformed into a seven foot spear light.

Luo Zhan precisely used spears.

Now that he was unable to use a spirit weapon spear, it was unavoidable for him to reveal the characteristics of the spear when he attacked.

Whoosh!

Luo Zhan's perfectly straight punch smashed out, and it was like a wyrm leaving its cave.

Whereas the seven foot long spear light that flashed out from his fist had strands of red colored energy, and threads of scorching aura were suffused within the red energy.

Fire Force!

In the sky, another 500 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared beside the existing 6,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes.

Obviously, Luo Zhan had comprehended Half-step Advanced Fire Force!

After exchanging blows, Luo Zhan's fist smashed out as if it was assisted by the gods, and the seven foot spear light flashed out to pierce through the chest of the slave, causing blood to spurt out.

Bang!

The corpse of the slave fell down, and it was completely devoid of any signs of life.

Luo Zhan, victorious!

Instantly, a wave of cheering was set off in the surroundings of the arena as expected.

"I knew that Crazy Young Master wouldn't lose... Although the betting ratio on Crazy Young Master wasn't high, I put my entire wealth on Crazy Young Master and have earned quite a bit."

"As expected of the top figure amongst the five great young

masters of our Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, he has a well-deserved reputation!"

"Crazy Young Master, nice!"

...

The spectators all around the spectating area were extremely excited.

Besides some spectators that wanted to win from an unexpected winner, the remaining spectators in the Caged Battle Arena had all bet on Crazy Young Master if they did bet.

All of them earned a great sum.

The reward Luo Zhan obtained was a weapons refinement material that could be considered to be valuable.

But, to Duan Ling Tian, this weapons refinement material was only valuable in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom...

Not to mention the Foreign Lands, even if it was in the Darkhan Dynasty, this material would probably not be considered to be a rare item.

But Luo Zhan was as if he'd obtained a priceless treasure.

"Hmph!" When Luo Zhan returned, he intentionally stopped on the way and glanced contemptuously at Zhang Heng. "I wonder if Little Prince is willing to enter the arena for a match with a person who has an undeserved reputation like me?"

"You... You!!" Zhang Heng's face went gloomy, he pointed at Luo Zhan as his entire body started trembling, yet he just happened to have no way to refute.

He wouldn't dare enter the arena with Luo Zhan.

What a joke!

Not to mention Luo Zhan's true cultivation was at the fourth level of the Void Prying Stage, even if Luo Zhan was only a second level Void Prying Stage martial artist, Luo Zhan was still not someone that he could go against.

"Pu**y!" After Luo Zhan slowly spat out a word, he returned to Duan Ling Tian and Chen Shao Shuai's side.

This angered Zhang Heng to the point he almost went mad with rage.

When Duan Ling Tian and Chen Shao Shuai saw this scene, they couldn't refrain from laughing, as neither of them had a good impression of Zhang Heng.

The caged battles in the arena continued.

"Eh, the disposition of this slave is formed naturally... Looks like he wasn't an ordinary person before he was reduced into a slave." Suddenly, Chen Shao Shuai looked at the slave that appeared in the arena and was slightly surprised as he spoke.

"Indeed... This person's birth is surely not ordinary!" Luo Zhen nodded as he spoke.

The words of the two of them caused Duan Ling Tian to be unable to refrain from looking over curiously.

With just a glance, Duan Ling Tian's pupils suddenly constricted.

In the arena, a slave with a slightly tall figure stood there.

This was a young man with disheveled hair that hung loosely on his shoulders, his eyes were lusterless, and the brand that belonged to a slave was obvious.

A single word was branded, Song.

Bang!

Duan Ling Tian's hand shook and the armrest of his seat was directly broken off.

"Duan Ling Tian, what's wrong?" Meanwhile, Luo Zhan and

Chen Shao Shuai noticed something was off with Duan Ling Tian.

They noticed that Duan Ling Tian's gaze stared fixedly at that slave, and his face revealed excitement.

"Duan Ling Tian, you know him?" Chen Shao Shuai was stunned, then he asked.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded, his body lightly trembled as he was excited to the extreme.

He never imagined that he would be able to see 'him' here.

"Pfft!" Right at this moment, a laugh of ridicule sounded out.

Zhang Heng heard the conversation between Duan Ling Tian's group and he said with a laugh of ridicule, "I truly never imagined that you, Duan Ling Tian, had a trash slave like this as a friend... As expected, birds of a feather flock together!"

Trash slave?

Zhang Heng's words was like a fuse that completely lit up Duan Ling Tian's flames of rage.

Whoosh!

Duan Ling Tian instantly stood up from his seat.

Bang!

Because of the force exerted from his legs, the tiles on the floor were forcefully shattered, and Duan Ling Tian's rage could be understood from this.

Whoosh!

Instantly, Duan Ling Tian transformed into a gust of wind that arrived before Zhang Heng.

Duan Ling Tian's hand stretched out like a bolt of lightning, and before Zhang Heng reacted, Duan Ling Tian had choked Zhang Heng's neck like an eagle grabbing a chick, and Duan Ling Tian held Zhang Heng up forcefully.

"Say it one more time!" Duan Ling Tian's eyes were scarlet red and was filled with killing intent that seemed to be waiting to swallow Zhang Heng up.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian seemed to have transformed into a bloodthirsty wild beast.

He'd completely gone mad!

Zhang Heng was muddled.

Never had he imagined that a single sentence from him would be able to cause Duan Ling Tian to have a reaction like this.

Did I say something wrong?

At this moment, Zhang Heng's throat was choked by Duan Ling Tian, and he wanted to resist yet his Origin Energy had only just risen when it was suppressed by Duan Ling Tian's Origin Energy.

Zhang Heng's countenance gradually flushed red.

"Ping... Elder Ping, save... Save me!" Zhang Heng cried for help from the old man by his side.

Meanwhile, the old man had recovered from his shock as well, and his expression went gloomy as he shouted out in a stern voice. "Duan Ling Tian, let the Little Prince down! Otherwise, don't blame me for being ruthless."

However, Duan Ling Tian instead seemed as if he entirely didn't hear the old man's words, and he paid no attention to the old man.

"Listen properly... He isn't a trash slave!" The blood red in Duan Ling Tian's eyes was bewitching and extremely evil, and he spoke word by word.

Now, no matter if it was Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai who'd

rushed over, Zhang Heng, or the old man by Zhang Heng's side, they finally understood why Duan Ling Tian would be so agitated.

So it turned out that it was because of the way Zhang Heng addressed the slave in the arena.

"Duan Ling Tian, I don't care what relationship you have with that slave... But if you dare do anything to the Little Prince, then that slave is dead!" The old man threatened with a cold voice.

"What did you say?!" Duan Ling Tian slowly turned around and looked at the old man, and the killing intent on his body shot into the sky and had reached the limits of killing intent.

The old man felt a chill run down his spine when he was enveloped by Duan Ling Tian's killing intent.

It was difficult for him to imagine how such a young man could possess such a terrifying killing intent.

But he still took a deep breath and said with a low voice. "I said, if you don't let go of the Little Prince, that slave is dead!"

"Little Gold!" Duan Ling Tian suddenly shouted out in a grim voice. "I want him dead!"

I want him dead!

Duan Ling Tian's voice wasn't concealed in the slightest, it clearly spread throughout the Caged Battle Arena, and it drew the gazes of everyone.

Subsequently, the people present only saw a gold light flash out, and accompanying the gold light was an extremely tiny sword light that flashed by...

In the next moment, the throat of the old man that was still holding his head high a moment ago had split open.

Dazzling fresh blood spurted out and splashed all over Zhang Heng's face.

Chapter 543: Old Friend

Silence.

Deathly silence.

Not a sound could be heard in the entire Caged Battle Arena.

The gazes of everyone gathered onto the same place, the spectating area in the south.

At that place, an old man had fallen in a pool of blood, and he was completely devoid of any signs of life.

"What's going on?" Many people didn't see what happened clearly.

Only some of the spectators in the southern spectating area knew the sequence of events.

"Squeak squeak~" A gold colored figure slowly descended onto Duan Ling Tian's shoulder.

It was precisely the little gold mouse!

Presently, the little gold mouse held a pocket-sized spirit sword in her hand and drop after drop of blood dropped down from above, and it was dazzling and resplendent.

Hiss! Hiss! Hiss! Hiss! Hiss!

...

The crowd of people on the southern spectating area couldn't help but gasp.

The one that attacked and killed the old man earlier was this little gold mouse?

Before this, they'd noticed that Crazy Young Master, Luo Zhan, who sat at the front of the spectating area, had once come into conflict with the old man who was killed.

At that time, the old man revealed a cultivation at the ninth level of the Void Prying Stage, and it was also at that time that they knew the old man was a member of Prince Sheng's Estate.

Whereas the young man in embroidered clothes that was beside the old man was the Little Prince of Prince Sheng's Estate, Zhang Heng.

Earlier, the scene of Duan Ling Tian suddenly attacking and choking Zhang Heng's throat before lifting him up had already caused them to be dumbstruck.

Later on, they found out that the reason Duan Ling Tian had

attacked was because Zhang Heng had insulted the slave in the arena.

Duan Ling Tian seemed to know that slave.

Moreover, based on Duan Ling Tian's loss of composure, his relationship with the slave was obviously deep.

Most unbelievable to them was still the death of the old man from Prince Sheng's Estate.

Duan Ling Tian shouted out explosively, then subsequently, the old man was dead.

"What demon beast is this?"

"Too terrifying! I utterly didn't clearly see how many ancient mammoth silhouettes condensed in the sky at the instant it attacked..."

"It attacked too quickly, I didn't see it clearly as well."

"I truly never imagined that such a harmless looking little gold mouse actually possesses such a terrifying strength."

"This little gold mouse is obviously a formidable demon beast! And it's even to the extent it's very likely a Void Initiation Stage demon beast!"

...

In the southern spectating area, a single stone raised a thousand ripples, and it was in a complete uproar.

Whereas the statement that Duan Ling Tian had a Void Initiation Stage demon beast by his side spread out, and it spread throughout the entire Caged Battle Arena.

For a time, most people looked at Duan Ling Tian with gazes filled with reverence.

"You... You... You dare kill Elder Ping..." A hoarse voice sounded out from the mouth of Zhang Heng whose neck was held up by Duan Ling Tian.

"I'll kill you as well if you dare say another word." Duan Ling Tian's blood red eyes stared fixedly at Zhang Heng, causing Zhang Heng to obediently shut his mouth as slight terror appeared on his face.

Whereas at this moment, the band that held Duan Ling Tian's long hair had suddenly broke open.

His hair fluttered without the wind.

As he stood there, he gaze the people nearby a shapeless feeling of

pressure.

"Trash!" Duan Ling Tian looked at Zhang Heng and spat out a single word in disdain.

Subsequently, he used force in his hand to throw Zhang Heng out.

Bang!

Zhang Heng fell to the ground in a sorry state, and he fell with his face on the floor.

"You... You!!" Zhang Heng struggled to stand up, his eyes crimson red from anger, yet he didn't dare say another word as he hurriedly soared up into the sky to leave the spectating area.

It was unknown to where he'd gone.

Duan Ling Tian couldn't be bothered to pay attention to Zhang Heng, and he brought along the little gold mouse to walk step by step towards the arena.

At this moment, the gazes of most people were fixed onto Duan Ling Tian, and their gazes moved along with every step of Duan Ling Tian's...

Duan Ling Tian seemed as if he'd gone down the path of a devil.

"Let's follow him and see what happens!" Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai looked at each other in the eye, then followed up with slight worry.

After a short moment, Duan Ling Tian arrived before the enormous iron cage that covered the arena.

"Open it!" Duan Ling Tian's icy cold gaze shot at the nearby worker that was in-charge of opening the iron cage.

But although this worker was afraid of Duan Ling Tian, he didn't dare make any rash movements.

Because he knew that if he opened the iron cage arbitrarily, he would surely be unable to escape punishment.

"Little Gold!" Duan Ling Tian's face sank and he shouted out coldly.

This cold shout caused the arena worker's face to go deathly pale.

Earlier, before the old man of the Prince Sheng's Estate died, Duan Ling Tian had precisely called out this name.

He was in-charge of the opening of the iron cage at the side of the southern spectating area, and he'd clearly seen the scene from before.

Swish!

The little gold mouse on Duan Ling Tian's shoulder attacked.

A sword light that was exceedingly swift flashed past before the little gold mouse stopped moving.

Whereas a 'door' was forcefully cut open on the iron cage before Duan Ling Tian, and it was large enough to accommodate Duan Ling Tian's entry and exit.

Even though the iron cage that enveloped the arena was made of Thousand Year Dark Iron and was able to confine Void Prying Stage martial artists and demon beasts that didn't possess spirit weapons to rely on.

But once a Void Prying Stage martial artist or demon beast utilized a spirit weapon, they were able to break open this iron cage made of Thousand Year Dark Iron.

Only the sound of Duan Ling Tian's footsteps could be heard in the silent Caged Battle Arena.

His heavy footsteps walked step by step into the arena.

In the arena, the gaze of the slave with long hair that hung loosely on his shoulders shot at Duan Ling Tian.

Although it was slightly dirty, but the face beneath his disheveled hair possessed a handsome appearance that was difficult to conceal.

As the slave stood there, he faintly revealed a trace of an extraordinary disposition.

This seventh level Nascent Soul Stage slave was obviously of extraordinary background.

Finally, the slave opened his mouth and spoke.

"Duan... Junior Brother Duan Ling Tian." The slave's voice was hoarse and excited.

"Senior Brother Zheng Song!" Duan Ling Tian walked up quickly and opened his arms to embrace the slave, and crimson red suffused within his eyes.

Zheng Song!

Exactly, the slave that stood before Duan Ling Tian now was no one else but the son of the former Seven Star Sword Sect's Mizar Peak's Master, Zheng Fan, the Inner Court disciple who had a good relationship with Duan Ling Tian, Zheng Song!

"... Good, good." Zheng Song tightly held onto Duan Ling Tian,

and his body trembled intensely as he was extremely excited.

"Senior Brother Zheng Song, you're alive, you're alive!" Duan Ling Tian's voice was filled with excitement.

Meanwhile, Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai who followed up had roughly guessed Zheng Song's identity.

A person that was able to be called Senior Brother by Duan Ling Tian was most probably a disciple of the former Seven Star Sword Sect.

Moreover, based on this Zheng Song's disposition, he was obviously of extraordinary birth.

"That slave called Duan Ling Tian as Junior Brother?"

"Duan Ling Tian called him Senior Brother?"

Meanwhile, some of the spectators on the spectating area with comparatively higher cultivations had heard the conversation between Duan Ling Tian and Zheng Song.

"No wonder Duan Ling Tian was so enraged, so it turns out that this slave is his Senior Brother!"

"Looks like that slave is a disciple of the former Seven Star Sword Sect."

...

In next to no time, many people guessed Zheng Song's origins.

"Senior Brother Zheng Song, come, we'll go look for a place for you to wash up and get a change of clothes." Duan Ling Tian grabbed onto Zheng Song's hand and wanted to take him away.

Zheng Song, the son of the Mizar Peak's Master has helped him quite a lot in the past.

Zheng Fan had similarly given Duan Ling Tian a good deal of help and had even put his life on the line to help Duan Ling Tian leave when the Seven Star Sword Sect was about to be annihilated.

Duan Ling Tian would forever be unable to forget this friendship.

Today, when he saw Zheng Song was alive, he was extremely excited in his heart.

"Junior Brother Duan Ling Tian... I... I'm only a slave now." Zheng Song had a bitter expression on his face as he spoke slowly. "This Caged Battle Arena is a business under the name of the Prince Sheng's Estate, and it possesses countless ties with the Imperial Family of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom... Don't offend the Prince Sheng's Estate because of me."

"I've already offended them earlier... It doesn't matter now." Duan Ling Tian shrugged, and he had an indifferent expression as he pulled Zheng Song and turned around, intending to leave.

"Duan! Ling! Tian!" Finally, the old man in the sky above the arena that was in-charge of presiding over the arena had recovered from his shock, and he shouted out in a grim voice to stop Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian raised his head to look at the old man with a calm gaze. "Senior, this is my Senior Brother, a disciple of the Seven Star Sword Sect... I want to take him away today. You ought to not stop me, right?"

"Presumptuous!" The old man shouted out coldly. "Duan Ling Tian, what sort of place do you take our Caged Battle Arena to be? I don't care what identity he had in the past, but since he has become a slave of our Caged Battle Arena, then dead or alive, he's a member of the Caged Battle Arena!"

"You killed a Revered Elder of our Prince Sheng's Estate earlier, and members of our Prince Sheng's Estate will ask you for an explanation... But at this moment, there's no way that you're taking away a slave of my Caged Battle Arena!" As the old man spoke, the Origin Energy on his body raged, and a terrifying imposing manner swept out.

Whoosh!

In the sky above the old man, two enormous figures condensed

into form and they wriggled as they descended.

It was precisely two ancient horned dragon silhouettes.

"First level Void Initiation Stage!" Instantly, Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai who followed behind Duan Ling Tian went grim.

They never expected that the old man who was in-charge of presiding over the arena actually possessed such terrifying strength.

Although the ninth level of the Void Prying Stage and the first level of the Void Initiation Stage were only a step away, in terms of strength, it was instead the difference between heaven and earth!

Compared to the ninth level of the Void Prying Stage, besides a qualitative change occurring in the Origin Energy, the first level of the Void Prying Stage meant that the martial artist had surely comprehended Concept.

Concept was the extension and transformation of Force, and it wasn't something that Force could compare to.

Even if it was Force at the highest stage, the Advanced Force, it was only compared to the strength of 2,000 ancient mammoths...

Whereas even if it was the lowest concept, the first level Concept, it was comparable to the strength of a horned dragon!

The strength of a horned dragon was the strength of 10,000 ancient mammoths!

First level Concept was a few times stronger than Advanced Force.

The atmosphere within the Caged Battle Arena was tense, and a fight would break out at any moment.

"Junior Brother Duan Ling Tian, leave... The current you is unable to win against this Caged Battle Arena, and unable to win against the Prince Sheng's Estate." Zheng Song smiled bitterly.

Although he wanted very much wanted to leave, to free himself from this life where living was no better than death.

But if it would harm Duan Ling Tian because of this, then he would rather maintain his present situation.

"Senior Brother Zheng Song, I'll take you away from here today no matter what... No matter who it is, don't hope of stopping me! Anyone who stops me, die!" Duan Ling Tian's gaze went icy cold as he said with a cold voice.

Duan Ling Tian's voice wasn't soft and it entered into the ears of everyone present.

This matchlessly overbearing words caused the blood in everyone present to boil...

This was a true iron-blooded man!

Heroism that shot in the sky.

Right at this moment, before the old man in the arena was able to speak.

"What high sounding sentiments!" A cold shout that was filled with rage sounded out from high above in the distant sky.

Chapter 544: The Death of a Second Level Void Initiation Stage Expert

Instantly, the gazes of everyone present shot at the location the voice sounded out from.

At that place, two people were controlling the air and coming over.

One was a grey clothed old man, the other a young man in embroidered clothes.

The cold grunt earlier was an aged voice, and it was obviously from this grey clothed old man.

"Lord Manager!" The old man who was in-charge of presiding over the arena bowed respectfully when the grey old man appeared.

Manager?

Instantly, a wave of commotion arose in the surrounding spectating area.

"He's the Manager of the Caged Battle Arena?"

"He has never shown himself in the past... I never imagined that he would personally appear today."

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The crowd of spectators discussed animatedly.

Duan Ling Tian raised his head and glanced indifferently at the grey clothed old man, and he couldn't be bothered to pay any attention to the old man before bringing along Zheng Song to walk out.

This scene caused the people present to shudder with fear.

After the Manager of the Caged Battle Arena appeared, this Duan Ling Tian still dares to do what he likes?

Is he really unafraid of death?

"Presumptuous!" Right at this moment, the young man in embroidered clothed beside the grey clothed old man looked down at Duan Ling Tian and shouted in a grim voice. "Duan Ling Tian, do you really think that our Prince Sheng's Estate doesn't dare touch you because you're a Dragon and Phoenix Academy student? You have to get it in your head clearly, the academy is established by the Imperial Family!"

"Whereas the Imperial Family's relationship has a close relationship with our Prince Sheng's Estate! If you're sensible, then leave this slave and kneel down and kowtow ten times. Then perhaps I'll spare your life!" The young man in embroidered

clothes was precisely Zhang Heng who Duan Ling Tian choked and lifted up in the air, the Little Prince of Prince Sheng's Estate.

"Kowtow ten times?" Duan Ling Tian's stopped moving and looked up, he looked at the young man in embroidered clothes as if he was confirming what the young man said.

"Yes, ten times... If these kowtows aren't hard, then I'll make you die a graveless death!" Zhang Heng stood by the grey clothed old man's side, at the side of the Manager of the arena, and Zhang Heng borrowed the might of the old man to throw his weight about.

At this moment, the crowd of spectators in the surroundings looked at Duan Ling Tian with gazes that contained slight pity.

As far as they were concerned, if Duan Ling Tian didn't do as the Little Prince of Prince Sheng's Estate said, then he would probably be unable to escape calamity.

It was exactly as the Little Prince had said, the Dragon and Phoenix Academy that Duan Ling Tian relied on now was only an academy the Imperial Family established.

It was impossible that the Imperial Family would punish their clan relatives for the sake of a dead genius.

"Zhang Heng!" Luo Zhan took a step forward and looked at Zhang Heng with a gaze that was icy cold to the extreme.

Only he knew that Duan Ling Tian didn't only have a single reliance, the Dragon and Phoenix Academy.

He believed that if his grandfather was here, his grandfather would have probably become infuriated since long ago and killed Zhang Heng.

Duan Ling Tian's status in the heart of his grandfather was something he was extremely clear of.

Even to the extent that it was all because of Duan Ling Tian that his grandfather was able to become a grade five weapons craftsman a few months ago.

To his grandfather, Duan Ling Tian was his teacher, his most respected teacher.

Now, the Prince Sheng's Estate used the power of their estate to oppress Duan Ling Tian.

He could imagine that if he were to watch idly by, he would surely be bashed to death by his grandfather when he returned.

"Crazy Young Master, this is a matter between Duan Ling Tian and our Prince Sheng's Estate... I hope you don't interfere!" The Manager of the arena glanced indifferently at Luo Zhan, yet deep within his eyes, there was slight fear.

After all, there was a colossus that the Prince Sheng's Estate couldn't afford to offend behind Luo Zhan.

"Hmph! I...." Luo Zhan grunted coldly, and he'd just opened his mouth when he was interrupted by Duan Ling Tian via voice transmission.

"Luo Zhan, don't interfere in this matter!" This was Duan Ling Tian's words.

Luo Zhan was stunned.

When he saw the confidence revealed from within Duan Ling Tian's eyes, although he didn't know what Duan Ling Tian wanted to do, he didn't say anything further.

Whereas Luo Zhan's reaction entered into the eyes of the people present, and it caused many people to sigh.

"Looks like Duan Ling Tian and Crazy Young Master's friendship isn't really good..."

"Yeah, if Crazy Young Master interferes, then Duan Ling Tian would be able to easily escape from this calamity."

"Duan Ling Tian would surely be sighing emotionally in his heart about not carefully making friends, right?"

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Many spectators whispered in discussion.

Luo Zhan was slightly embarrassed when he heard these discussions.

Was it that he was unwilling to help Duan Ling Tian?

Besides Duan Ling Tian and Luo Zhan, only Chen Shao Shuai noticed an inkling.

He was extremely clear of the relationship between Duan Ling Tian and Luo Zhan, and Luo Zhan's suddenly stopping had cause him to realize that the matter wasn't so simple.

"Haha..." Zhang Heng stood in the sky and laughed arrogantly. "Duan Ling Tian, did you see it? This is your friend! Hurry up and kowtow! Ten times for your worthless life!"

Duan Ling Tian looked at Zhang Heng with a calm expression, and he was carefree.

"Duan Ling Tian! Didn't you hear what the Little Prince said?" The grey clothed old man's imposing manner swept out to envelop Duan Ling Tian, and he wanted to bend down Duan Ling Tian's back.

But Duan Ling Tian stood there like a mountain, remaining unmoved.

"Hmph!" The grey clothed old man let out a light shout, and his imposing manner abruptly rose in might, and Origin Energy raised like flames on his body.

In the air, three enormous silhouettes condensed into form, they were three ancient horned dragon silhouettes....

"Second level of the Void Initiation Stage!" Instantly, many spectators gasped.

The manager of the Caged Battle Arena was a second level Void Prying Stage expert!

For a time, many people looked at the members of the Caged Battle Arena, then looked at Duan Ling Tian, and they couldn't help but shake their heads and sigh.

They sighed because there were two Void Initiation Stage experts on the side of the Caged Battle Arena, whereas Duan Ling Tian's side seemed to only have a single Void Initiation Stage demon beast.

"Idiot!" Duan Ling Tian's gaze swept past the Caged Battle Arena Manager and Zhang Heng, then he spat out a word indifferently.

"Senior Brother Zheng Song, let's go!" Duan Ling Tian continued

to lead Zheng Song out.

This scene caused the scalps of many people to go numb.

Has this Duan Ling Tian gone mad?

He's paying no attention to two Void Initiation Stage experts, does he really think they don't dare touch him?

"You're courting death!" The expression of the Manager of the Caged Battle Arena went gloomy as he plunged down like a roc that had spread open its wings that covered the sky, and he plunged towards Duan Ling Tian.

When he arrived nearby above the arena, he raised his hand and had actually directly tore open the iron cage.

The strength of a Void Initiation Stage expert was put into full view!

The corners of Zhang Heng's mouth curled into a sneer when he saw the scene before him, and it was as if he'd already seen the scene of Duan Ling Tian being killed.

"Little Gold!" Right at this moment, Duan Ling Tian shouted out coldly.

"Squeak!!" Instantly, a sharp cry resounded in the entire Caged

Battle Arena.

Subsequently, the people present saw that when the Manager of the Caged Battle Arena arrived nearby Duan Ling Tian, his body suddenly stopped, and the raging Origin Energy on his body completely dispersed.

The people who observed in detail were even able to notice that the eyes of the Caged Battle Arena's Manager was dim and lusterless, and he seemed as if he'd lost his soul.

Swish!

Whereas at this instant, a sword light that was swift to the limit flashed.

Bang!

The people present only recovered from their shock when the body of the Caged Battle Arena's Manager that sprayed fresh blood violently fell to the ground.

The gazes of the people present swept past the Manager of the Caged Battle Arena before descending onto the little gold mouse that stood in the air, and they felt a chill run down their spines.

Drip! Drip!

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The pocket-sized spirit sword in the little gold mouse's hand was slowly dripping bewitching and resplendent blood.

That was the blood of the Caged Battle Arena's Manager.

This scene seemed to be telling everyone:

So what if he's at the second level of the Void Initiation Stage?

I'll still kill him without delay!

"Squeak squeak~" After she killed the Caged Battle Arena's Manager, the little gold mouse transformed into a gold light that descended onto Duan Ling Tian's shoulder, and she cried out like she was seeking credit.

Meanwhile, the people present reacted to what had happened, and they all had expressions of shock.

The first was Zheng Song who was by Duan Ling Tian's side.

Zheng Song looked at the little gold mouse that was close to him, and he felt a chill run down his spine.

This little fellow that looks harmless actually possessed such a

terrifying strength...

Killing a second level Void Initiation Stage expert was as easy as if it was slaughtering a chicken.

"Sword Young Master, did you see it clearly?" Luo Zhan looked at Chen Shao Shuai and asked via voice transmission.

Chen Shao Shuai's face was slightly stiff as he nodded. "The actions of the Manager earlier was exactly like the movements of the First Leader of the bandits... But, wasn't that Duan Ling Tian's demonic technique?"

Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai had both clearly seen the scene of the Manager seeming to have lost his soul before being killed.

At that instant, the Manager was completely unguarded.

If they were able to attack at that moment, the Manager would have died for sure.

Not to mention this little gold mouse that was stronger than them.

"What a terrifying demon beast!"

"Not long ago, a ninth level Void Prying Stage martial artist was killed by it... Now, a second level Void Initiation Stage martial

artist was similarly unable to flee from death before it!"

"Where did Duan Ling Tian get this demon beast from? If I had such a demon beast, then wouldn't I be able to move about unhindered?"

"Dream on! With just your natural talent and strength, do you think that demon beast would be willing to follow you?"

...

The spectating area surrounding the arena had become bustling once more.

The old man that was in-charge of presiding over the Caged Battle Arena shivered as he stood in the sky, and his countenance was pale to the extreme.

Their Manager, an existence that was even stronger than him, was killed by the little gold mouse by Duan Ling Tian's side in an instant?

At this moment, his heart was filled with terror.

Even a second level Void Initiation Stage expert had died at the hands of that little gold mouse, let alone a first level Void Initiation Stage martial artist like him...

"No... Impossible... How can this be possible?!" Zhang Heng ceaselessly shook his head in the sky above the arena, and he was unwilling to believe that all of this was true.

"Zhang Heng!" Right at this moment, a cold shout jolted Zhang Heng back to his senses, and it caused Zhang Heng's face to go pale.

"I'll return what you said earlier back to you... Kowtow ten times in exchange for your life! Otherwise, you're dead!" Duan Ling Tian looked at Zhang Heng with a gaze that was extremely icy cold, and he spoke word by word.

Zhang Heng's figure shook when he heard this.

Asking me to kowtow and beg for mercy?

Zhang Heng swept the tens of thousands of spectators in the surroundings, and his body shook abruptly.

His pride didn't allow him to do this!

"I'll give you the time of ten breaths to consider... After ten breaths, if you're still not kneeling before me and kowtowing to beg for mercy, then I'll surely kill you!" Duan Ling Tian's voice contained icy cold killing intent mixed within.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse on Duan Ling Tian's shoulder now looked at Zhang Heng as well, and she cried out a

few times as if she was showing support for Duan Ling Tian.

The little gold mouse's cry caused the figure of the old man that presided over the arena and intended to interfere to stop in the sky, and he looked at the little gold mouse with eyes filled with terror.

Chapter 545: Duan Ling Tian's Rage

This little gold mouse was even able to kill a second level Void Initiation Stage expert, let alone him?

Although he was a member of Prince Sheng's Estate and had the responsibility to protect the Little Prince, he was afraid when he thought of the consequences.

He was afraid he would follow in the footsteps of the manager.

"Seven breaths of time left!" Duan Ling Tian slowly spoke out, and his voice seemed to have transformed into a voodoo talisman that caused Zhang Heng's face to go ghastly pale.

"You, kill him, kill them!" Zhang Heng looked at the old man that was in-charge of presiding over the arena with a fierce gaze, and he shouted out with a grim voice.

The old man laughed bitterly.

Kill Duan Ling Tian?

Do I possess the strength?

When he saw Duan Ling Tian's gaze sweep over, the old man took a deep breath before making a decision.

"From today onwards, I officially separate myself from Prince Sheng's Estate and have become a free person." The old man spoke slowly.

As soon as he finished speaking, he transformed into a flowing light that vanished before the eyes of everyone.

This scene was unexpected by most of the people present.

The Void Initiation Stage expert of the Caged Battle Arena has fled?

There were also many people that guessed the thoughts in the old man's heart at this moment.

They could imagine that if the old man attacked Duan Ling Tian today, then he would die for sure!

After all, even the Manager of the Caged Battle Arena, an existence at the second level of the Void Initiation Stage had died at the hands of the demon beast by Duan Ling Tian's side...

As a first level Void Initiation Stage expert, how could he possibly be able to kill Duan Ling Tian?

Whereas once the old man were to watch idly by and allow the Little Prince, Zhang Heng, to be humiliated, he would surely have no foothold left in the Prince Sheng's Estate.

So, he made the best choice...

To leave the Prince Sheng's Estate.

In this way, he wouldn't have to be stuck in between and be in a difficult spot.

The old man's departure caused Zhang Heng's expression to go livid.

"Three breaths of time remain." Duan Ling Tian's icy cold and indifferent voice sounded out in a timely manner, and it caused Zhang Heng's mind to shake greatly.

The approach of death caused him to despair.

In the face of death, he suddenly felt that pride seemed to be unimportant, and only surviving was most important.

"Duan Ling Tian, I'll surely return the humiliation today by hundredfold and a thousand fold in the future!" Zhang Heng endlessly roared with rage in his heart.

But his body still obediently descended from the sky and knelt before Duan Ling Tian, and then he fiercely smashed his head onto the ground.

Thump!

One kowtow.

Thump!

Two kowtows.

Thump!

Thump!

...

Zhang Heng gritted his teeth and completed the ten kowtows with force.

After he finished, Zhang Heng stood up before soaring into the sky, and in the blink of an eye, he'd concealed himself beyond the clouds, vanishing from sight.

He wasn't willing to stay for a single moment.

Whereas after Zhang Heng left, the booing in the surroundings of the Caged Battle Arena rose and fell continuously without end.

"I've really broadened my horizons today! When faced with the

threat of death, the Little Prince of Prince Sheng's Estate had kowtowed ten times with great resolve."

"Prince Sheng's Estate has really lost face greatly this time!"

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The crowd of spectators present knew clearly that it wouldn't be long before the incident from today would spread throughout the entire Imperial City.

"Senior Brother Zheng Song, let's go." Duan Ling Tian smiled to Zheng Song and brought him along to leave.

This time, no one obstructed him anymore.

The group of workers in the Caged Battle Arena watched helplessly as Duan Ling Tian took Zheng Song and left, and they didn't dare make a single sound.

What a joke!

Before Duan Ling Tian, their Caged Battle Arena's strongest Manager and Vice Manager had either died or fled.

How would they dare offend Duan Ling Tian?

Duan Ling Tian opened the way in the front, and Zheng Song followed closely behind with an exceedingly complicated gaze.

He never imagined that not even three years had passed, yet the little fellow from all those years ago had already grown to such an extent, and Duan Ling Tian even had an extremely formidable demon beast that seemed to be at the Void Initiation Stage by his side.

"With Duan Ling Tian present, why should my Seven Star Sword Sect be worried about not rising?" Zheng Song's eyes were filled with burning flames of hope.

Luo Zhang and Chen Shao Shuai followed at the very back, and their expressions were extremely complicated.

"Squeak squeak~" After leaving the Caged Battle Arena, the little gold mouse that was originally in high spirits suddenly lay on Duan Ling Tian's shoulder, and she weakly sent a voice transmission. "Big Brother Ling Tian, I'm going to sleep."

"Okay, you take a rest." Duan Ling Tian replied.

He knew that executing the soul skill, Soul Shaker, and combining it with the spirit sword in her hand to kill the Manager of the Caged Battle Arena had almost completely emptied the little gold mouse's Spiritual Force.

Earlier, she'd always been forcefully holding on.

After all, she still had to deter the old man that was in-charge of presiding over the arena.

Although the old man was inferior to the Manager of the Caged Battle Arena, but he was still a first level Void Initiation Stage expert.

The little gold mouse that was unable to execute her soul skill wasn't a match for him.

Presently, the little gold mouse's cultivation had improved a step further when compared to before and had broken through to the eighth level of the Void Prying Stage.

Whereas her Spiritual Force had followed her cultivation to break through to the second level of the Void Initiation Stage.

So long as a second level Void Initiation Stage expert wasn't an Inscription Master, the expert's mind would be affected by her soul skill, Soul Shaker.

Earlier, if the old man that presided over the arena wasn't afraid and had directly attacked instead, it would be impossible for Little Gold to stop him.

After all, Little Gold's Spiritual Force had already been completely used up when she executed her soul skill to deal with the Manager, and she would only be able to execute Soul Shaker

once more after half a month.

If she didn't possess her soul skill, it would be impossible for her to be a match for a Void Initiation Stage martial artist... Even if she had a grade four spirit sword.

So when he thought up to here, Duan Ling Tian felt slightly fortunate.

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian had found an inn and let Zheng Song go wash up.

Whereas he instead sat chatting in the guest room of the inn with Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai.

"Duan Ling Tian, he is..." Luo Zhan looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked curiously.

He was rather curious towards Zheng Song's identity.

Up until now, he only knew that Zheng Song was a Seven Star Sword Sect disciple.

"He's the son of our Seven Star Sword Sect's Mizar Peak's Master and has always been friends with me... That day when the Seven Star Sword Sect was annihilated, I thought that he was killed by the members of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect as well, yet I never imagined that I would meet him in the Imperial City." Cold lights flickered in Duan Ling Tian's eyes. "Now it would seem that the

members of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect have shamed him by making him be reduced to a slave!"

"The Azure Forest Tri-Sect has indeed slightly gone too far." Luo Zhan frowned. "A warrior would rather die than be humiliated! I presume Zheng Song didn't have a good time during these two years."

"He's already been reduced to a slave, how could he have had a good time?" Duan Ling Tian said with a low voice.

"Those fellows have indeed gone too far! Looks like I should find a time to make a declaration and completely cast of my relations to the Azure Forest Tri-Sect..." Chen Shao Shuai grunted coldly.

Although since the moment the Origin Convergence Sect joined the Azure Forest Tri-Sect, he didn't admit that he was a disciple of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect.

But there weren't many outsiders who knew this.

After all, he didn't make a declaration.

"I wonder if there are any survivors amongst the remaining disciples of the Seven Star Sword Sect." Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath and his eyes emitted slight worry.

"Junior Brother Duan Ling Tian!" Before long, Zheng Song had finished washing up and came out.

He wore a mask on half of his face, and it covered his slave brand.

"Senior Brother Zheng Song, I'll help you remove the brand on your face later.... I'm confident in making your face return to normal!" Duan Ling Tian said to Zheng Song.

Presently, he was a grade four Alchemist, and he was able to refine many healing medicinal pills that recovered injuries of the skin, and one of the grade four medicinal pills amongst them was even able to allow skin to regrow flawlessly.

"There's no need." However, Zheng Song instead refused Duan Ling Tian's good intentions.

"No need?" Zheng Song's words caused Duan Ling Tian to be stunned.

Whereas Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai felt that Zheng Song's reply was inconceivable.

There was someone who like living with a slave brand?

"There's no need for now..." Zheng Song spoke with a low voice. "I won't touch it before the Azure Forest Tri-Sect is annihilated... It is my disgrace, my life long disgrace! I want it to always remind me to never forget to avenge the sect." Zheng Song's tone was extremely heavy, and it caused the atmosphere in the room to become oppressive.

"I understand." Duan Ling Tian nodded, and then he said, "When the Azure Forest Tri-Sect is annihilated and the Seven Star Sword Sect is rebuilt, I'll help Senior Brother Zheng Song remove the slave brand on your face."

"Thank you, Junior Brother Duan Ling Tian." Zheng Song nodded.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian introduced Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai to Zheng Song.

Luo Zhan was still fine as Zheng Song greeted him in a friendly manner.

But Chen Shao Shuai.

"You're Sword Young Master? A member of the Origin Convergence Sect?" Rage and hostility appeared on Zheng Song's face as he looked at Chen Shao Shuai.

The Origin Convergence Sect was one of the culprits that annihilated the Seven Star Sword Sect.

"Zheng Song, after the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom appeared, it meant the Origin Convergence Sect didn't exist any longer, and I'm not a member of the Origin Convergence Sect any longer... As for that Azure Forest Tri-Sect, I disdain to be in their company." Chen Shao Shuai explained.

Meanwhile, Zheng Song's expression eased up.

"Senior Brother Zheng Song, how did you survive? Exactly what happened after I was sent off that day? Why did Zhao Ming betray the sect and join the Azure Forest Tri-Sect?" Duan Ling Tian looked at Zheng Song and asked curiously.

Duan Ling Tian had too many questions in his heart towards what happened that day.

"That day, besides Zhao Ming, practically all the higher-ups of our Seven Star Sword Sect passed away, and not many Seven Star Sword Sect disciples remained. Although we survived, we were held captive by the Azure Forest Tri-Sect."

"After an unknown amount of time, we were branded with the brand of a slave and were reduced to becoming slaves before being sent to that Caged Battle Arena." When he spoke up to here, Zheng Song's body started trembling, and his face held boundless rage. "Besides me, the other disciples that survived were all killed in the Caged Battle Arena! Only I survived with difficulty all the way."

Bang!

Duan Ling Tian's face sank, and he was enraged to the extreme. He suddenly raised his hand and shattered the table by his side.

The entire table split into pieces and bits of wood swirled in the

air.

"Azure! Forest! Tri! Sect!" Duan Ling Tian gnashed his teeth as killing intent flickered in his eyes.

"Originally, after you left that day, so long as Elder Peng returned, then the experts of our Seven Star Sword Sect might not have been unable to persist until the end and have a few survivors... But because of Zhao Ming's betrayal, it caused all our Seven Star Sword Sect experts to die not long after you left!" Zheng Song said in a low voice, "Zhao Ming first launched a sneak attack on Elder Xuan and joined forces with the members of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect to kill Elder Xuan... After that, he attacked the Sect Leader with the members of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect and killed the Sect Leader!" When he spoke up to here, Zheng Song had an expression of grief and resentment.

Chapter 546: Prince Sheng

"What?!" Duan Ling Tian was stunned.

Elder Xuan and the Sect Leader were both killed by the joint forces of Zhao Ming and the members of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect?

That day in the Crimson Sky Kingdom, when he saw that Zhao Ming had actually become a Guardian Elder of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect...

He thought that Zhao Ming had betrayed the sect after he became a captive of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect.

So, although Zhao Ming betrayed the Seven Star Sword Sect, everyone had their own aspirations, and he didn't hate Zhao Ming because of this.

But now, when he heard Zheng Song's words, his eyes went completely red.

"Elder Xuan was the strongest sword cultivator in our Seven Star Sword Sect, and he'd comprehended the seventh level Sword Concept... With his strength, if it wasn't for Zhao Ming launching a sneak attack, he might have been able to survive." Zheng Song said with anger.

Elder Xuan!

Duan Ling Tian closed his eyes.

That day when the Seven Star Sword Sect met with calamity, although it was the first time he'd seen Elder Xuan, it was still difficult for him to forget Elder Xuan's elegant demeanor.

Elder Xuan went against three great experts of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect by himself.

What superb heroic spirit he had!

But an old man like this that caused respect in others was sneak attacked to death by Zhao Ming.

"Zhao Ming!!" Duan Ling Tian's body lightly trembled and the killing intent in his eyes had reached the limit.

He'd already made a decision in his heart.

Once he possessed sufficient strength, he would surely enter the Inscription Formation in the Darkstone Empire and kill Zhao Ming.

Zhao Ming deserved death!

After catching up with Zheng Song for some time, Duan Ling Tian bid his farewells and left with Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai when it was deep in the night.

Before they left, he'd discussed with Zheng Song that the little gold mouse would send Zheng Song back to the Seven Star Sword Sect tomorrow.

Although the Seven Star Sword Sect didn't exist any longer, the Alkaid Peak's Master, Qin Xiang, and the Sect Leader's personal disciple, Mo Yu, were both cultivating inside the stalactite cave.

After Duan Ling Tian returned to the Dragon and Phoenix Academy, he started getting busy.

He was mainly refining some medicinal pills for Zheng Song, and he'd asked Little Gold to bring it over when she went to Zheng Song tomorrow.

Duan Ling Tian silently refined medicinal pills in his room all through the night.

He instead didn't know that practically everyone in the academy was discussing his actions in the Caged Battle Arena today.

"Duan Ling Tian is too formidable! The Manager of the Caged Battle Arena, an existence at the second level of the Void Initiation Stage was killed by the demon beast by his side with a single move."

"I truly never imagined that the little mouse by Duan Ling Tian's side that only looks like a pet mouse is actually a Void Initiation

Stage demon beast!"

"So... Never judge a mouse by its appearance!"

"I heard that Duan Ling Tian even made the Little Prince of Prince Sheng's Estate, Zhang Heng, kowtow ten times to him before the eyes of a few tens of thousands of people."

"It seems that it was Zhang Heng who was being overbearing at first, and Duan Ling Tian only gave him a taste of his own medicine."

"He can only consider himself unfortunate for offending Duan Ling Tian."

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The crowd of Dragon and Phoenix Academy students were filled with adoration towards Duan Ling Tian's natural talent and strength since the beginning.

Now, when they heard of Duan Ling Tian's domineering actions, they felt their blood boil.

"Zhang Heng?" After Flame Young Master, Zhang Yan, received the news, he frowned. "That fellow, of all the people, he actually went and offended Duan Ling Tian... But Duan Ling Tian actually caused Prince Sheng's Estate to lose face so greatly. I wonder what my Imperial Uncle's reaction will be."

Zhang Heng was Zhang Yan's cousin brother.

"Duan Ling Tian..." In a quiet room, a beautiful woman that seemed like she'd come from a painting sighed lightly. "Brother, Duan Ling Tian is now a fourth level Void Prying Stage martial artist already."

Only she was within the room, and she was speaking to the air.

The atmosphere in the room was slightly strange.

If Duan Ling Tian was here, he would surely be able to recognize this woman.

It was exactly the Flute Fairy, Zi Yan.

Whereas Flute Fairy's muttering was precisely towards Zither Young Master who was in a faraway place.

Zither Young Master had taken Duan Ling Tian to be his lifelong enemy, and it caused her, his sister, to be extremely worried.

Duan Ling Tian's improvement caused her to be shocked.

An entire night's time quickly passed by.

Dawn.

Duan Ling Tian stopped refining and put away the cauldron, and then he yawned.

"It's almost time." Duan Ling Tian's face revealed a smile as he looked at the numerous bottles of medicinal pills before him.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse's cry sounded out in a timely manner.

After resting for a night's time, the little gold mouse was refreshed.

"Little Gold!" Duan Ling Tian looked at the little gold mouse and said, "I'll give you a mission today... Send Senior Brother Zheng Song back to the stalactite cave on Megrez Peak. Remember, don't cause trouble!" As he finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian had a serious expression.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse was instantly slightly excited when she heard she could leave the imperial city.

When he saw the little gold mouse put away the medicinal pills in the spatial collar on her neck, Duan Ling Tian said with a smile, "Go on! Come back early."

"I know, Big Brother Ling Tian." The little gold mouse replied via voice transmission before transforming into a gold light that left

the room and left the academy, and in the blink of an eye, she'd entered beyond the clouds.

Whereas outside the exquisite house between the Inner Hall and Outer Hall, an old man stood there and looked at the direction the little gold mouse left.

"I truly never imagined that this little gold mouse by Duan Ling Tian's side is even able to kill a second level Void Initiation Stage martial artist!" The old man was precisely the Vice Dean of the academy, Chi Ming.

"With Prince Sheng's explosive temper... He's probably already entered the Palace now, right?" Chi Ming muttered, yet he seemed to not be worried in the slightest.

The Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial Palace.

The Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial Palace was extremely vast, and it couldn't be compared to the Imperial Palace of the Crimson Sky Kingdom.

Presently, in a Pavilion deep within the Imperial Palace.

A middle aged man in embroidered clothes that was in a hurry stood there and said respectfully, "Imperial Brother, I seek an audience!"

Meanwhile, a eunuch walked out from the Pavilion and looked at

the middle aged man in embroidered clothes, and then he said with a light smile, "Prince Sheng, His Majesty invites you in."

The middle aged man in embroidered clothes was the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Prince Sheng, the younger brother of a different mother of the Emperor. Prince Sheng nodded and walked in with large strides.

After he walked into the Pavilion, a beautifully decorated great hall appeared before his eyes.

Presently, at the head of the hall, a middle aged man in imperial robes with an extremely dignified bearing sat up straight there.

Behind the dignified middle aged man was an old man with a gaunt appearance who stood there like a shadow without an expression on his face, and the old man's aura was restrained.

The identity of the middle aged man was obvious.

The Emperor of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

"Imperial Brother." Prince Sheng bowed respectfully to the Emperor.

"Imperial Brother, there's no need for formality." The Emperor raised his hand and stopped Prince Sheng, then his eyes narrowed as he asked. "Is there an important matter that made Imperial Brother rush into the Palace to see me early in the morning?"

"Imperial Brother, you have to stand up for your nephew!" Prince Sheng bowed and spoke with an enraged expression.

"Hmm?" The Emperor's gaze flashed as he asked slowly. "What happened exactly?"

Prince Sheng said in a low voice, "Imperial Brother, a student from the Dragon and Phoenix Academy caused trouble in my Caged Battle Arena yesterday... Not only did he allow the demon beast by his side to kill a ninth level Void Prying Stage Revered Elder of my estate, it even killed a second level Void Initiation Stage Manager of my Caged Battle Arena!"

"Besides that, he also made Heng kowtow ten times to him!" When he spoke up to here, Prince Sheng spoke with righteous indignation. "Imperial Brother, no matter what fault Heng has, it's still the Imperial Family's blood that flows within him... Not only has this caused my Prince Sheng's Estate to be humiliated, it had similarly caused the Imperial Family to be humiliated!"

"So, I request that Imperial Brother allows me to head to the academy and look for that student to denounce his crimes!" Prince Sheng spoke in a resolute voice.

"Something like this happened?" The Emperor's brows raised when he heard this, and then he asked. "Who is the student from Dragon and Phoenix Academy?"

"Imperial Brother, it's precisely the survivor of the Seven Star

Sword Sect, Duan Ling Tian!" As he finished speaking, Prince Sheng spoke word by word with extreme rage.

"Duan Ling Tian?" The Emperor's brows raised and exuded a dignified aura. "Are you sure it's him?"

"Yes." Prince Sheng nodded.

"Imperial Brother, if it's anyone else, I can allow you to go get even with the student. But not Duan Ling Tian." The Emperor shook his head.

"No?" Prince Sheng was stunned, and he revealed an expression of being not resigned. "Imperial Brother, why is this?"

The Emperor said indifferently, "Imperial Brother, I presume you've heard of Duan Ling Tian and know of his natural talent... Presently, the selection for the Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties is imminent, and it has extraordinary meaning to my Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom."

Prince Sheng took a deep breath and spoke in a clear voice. "Imperial Brother, could it be that my Prince Sheng's Estate has to suffer this humiliation just like that?"

"Prince Sheng!" The Emperor's face sank slightly when he saw Prince Sheng being overbearing, and even the way he addressed Prince Sheng had changed. "I temporarily don't know the whole story of this matter... But I understand that son of yours,

and he always causes trouble!"

"Just drop this matter, there's no need to say anything further... You can leave now!" As the Emperor finished speaking, his attitude was resolute.

"Yes, Imperial Brother." Presently, Prince Sheng was able to feel the Emperor's firmness, and he took a deep breath before bidding his farewell and leaving.

The instant he turned around, Prince Sheng's eyes flickered with extreme cold lights.

"Duan Ling Tian, you killed experts of my estate, humiliated my son, and humiliated my estate! I'll surely make you die a graceless death! Imperial Brother is able to protect you for some time, but he can't protect you forever!" Boundless killing intent was brewing in Prince Sheng's heart.

"Perhaps it's time to look for the three great sect leaders of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect for a discussion... With me coordinating with them from within, it'll surely be easy to kill Duan Ling Tian!" An insane thought emerged in Prince Sheng's heart, and this thought was difficult to restrain any longer.

After he left the Imperial Palace, Prince Sheng left the Imperial City and headed north.

In the north, the former Snow Moon Sect was situated within a

cluster of mountains that snowed all year long, and it was a world of ice and snow.

Today, an unexpected guest had arrived at this world of ice and snow.

"Sect Leader Xue!" A sonorous voice sounded out, and it shook the cluster of mountains to the point the white snow started shaking.

Whoosh!

A figure soared into the sky.

It was a middle aged man wearing a silk headdress and holding a feathered fan.

"Prince Sheng?" The former Sect Leader of Snow Moon Sect, Xue Rui, who was currently one of the three great sect leaders of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect saw the unexpected guest before him and was slightly surprised.

Prince Sheng, Zhang Sheng, the younger brother of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Emperor always had no relationship with him, and Prince Sheng coming to visit today was surprising to him.

"Sect Leader Xue, aren't you going to invite me in?" Zhang Sheng asked.

"Prince Sheng, please come in." Xue Rui lightly smiled as he invited Zhang Sheng in.

Chapter 547: The Medicinal Strength of the Rebirth Pill

The great hall that was suffused with warm air when compared with the icy cold world outside the hall was entirely like two extreme opposites.

Presently, Xue Rui and Zhang Sheng sat facing each other within the great hall.

"Prince Sheng, did you make a special trip to see me?" Xue Rui went straight to the point.

"Exactly!" Zhang Sheng nodded, and flames of rage leaped about in his eyes as he said with a low voice, "Sect Master Xue, I'll go straight to the point... I came to look for you this time mainly because I want to cooperate with your Azure Forest Tri-Sect."

"Cooperate?" Xue Rui was stunned, and then he shook his head and smiled. "Prince Sheng, according to my knowledge, our Azure Forest Tri-Sect has never had a relationship with your Prince Sheng's Estate, so what cooperation are you speaking about?"

"Sect Leader Xue, I want to cooperate with your Azure Forest Tri-Sect in coordination from both the inside and the outside to kill Duan Ling Tian!" Zhang Sheng spoke word by word.

Duan Ling Tian!

Zhang Sheng's words caused Xue Rui's eyes to slightly squint. "Prince Sheng... According to my knowledge, Duan Ling Tian is a student of the Dragon and Phoenix Academy, and to a certain extent, he's protected by your Imperial Family."

"Exactly!" Zhang Sheng nodded as a trace of killing intent flashed within his eyes. "It's precisely because that Imperial Brother of mine is protecting him that I thought of cooperating with your Azure Forest Tri-Sect to kill him!"

"I wonder how Duan Ling Tian ignorantly offend Prince Sheng?" Xue Rui asked with interest.

Zhang Sheng spoke of the sequence of events with rage.

"The mouse type demon beast by Duan Ling Tian's side is able to kill a second level Void parting Stage martial artist?" Xue Rui's brows raised. "Prince Sheng, do you know the exact cultivation of that demon beast?"

"I don't know that." Zhang Sheng shook his head, then he seemed to have thought of something and asked. "Sect Leader Xue, according to my knowledge, your Azure Forest Tri-Sect ought to wish for nothing more than to kill that Duan Ling Tian and celebrate after... Yet I wonder why he's still living until today?"

"With Duan Ling Tian's natural talent... There might not be anyone who's a match for him in the Azure Forest Tri-Sect after ten years!" As he finished speaking, Zhang Sheng's eyes flickered with a bright light.

This was something he was unable to wrap his head around all along.

If he was a Sect Leader of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect, once he found out that Duan Ling Tian was at the Dragon and Phoenix Academy, he would surely spare no cost in killing Duan Ling Tian.

The threat Duan Ling Tian posed was too great.

"Prince Sheng, I won't hide the truth from you... Almost one year ago, our Azure Forest Tri-Sect took action against Duan Ling Tian."

Flowing lights flickered within Xue Rui's eyes as he said slowly, "At that time, our Azure Forest Tri-Sect had sent out two sixth level Void Initiation Stage Guardian Elders to head to the Imperial City and await an opportunity to kill Duan Ling Tian!"

"However, those two Guardian Elders instead vanished into thin air, and it was as if they'd evaporated from the world... It's precisely because of this that our Azure Forest Tri-Sect didn't dare rashly make another move." Xue Rui finished speaking in one go.

When he spoke up to here, Xue Rui's eyes revealed a trace of fear.

Besides that, his personal disciple, Liu Yue, had now vanished without a trace.

According to his guess, his disciple had probably met with disaster.

"What?!" Zhang Sheng's face went gloomy. "Two sixth level Void Initiation Stage experts vanished without a trace? Could it be that it was done by the demon beast by Duan Ling Tian's side?"

"Probably not." Xue Rui shook his head. "If the demon beast by Duan Ling Tian's side had the strength to kill two sixth level Void Initiation Stage experts... Do you think he wouldn't come take revenge on our Azure Forest Tri-Sect for the Seven Star Sword Sect?"

Zhang Sheng came to a sudden understanding.

Indeed!

If the demon beast by Duan Ling Tian's side had the strength to kill two sixth level Void Initiation Stage experts, Duan Ling Tian would surely not let the Azure Forest Tri-Sect off.

"Could it be that until your Azure Forest Tri-Sect finds those two Guardian Elders, your sect won't make a move against Duan Ling Tian?" Zhang Sheng spoke out and guessed. "According to my conjecture, perhaps the two Guardian Elders have temporarily concealed themselves because of something, and it's impossible for it to be related to Duan Ling Tian."

"I think so too... But the other two Sect Leaders instead advocate

being on the safe side," said Xue Rui.

"Being on the safe side is indeed a necessity... But the act of letting Duan Ling Tian grow is inadvisable!" said Zhang Sheng.

"Prince Sheng, you said earlier that you wanted to cooperate with us by coordinating from both the inside and the outside to deal with Duan Ling Tian... I presume you have a mature idea, and I'm willing to listen to the details." Xue Rui asked Zhang Sheng.

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Duan Ling Tian naturally didn't know that a great scheme was sneaking towards him now.

Presently, he was silently cultivating in the academy as he waited for the arrival of the genius competition that was half a month away.

The genius competition would decide the stronger five people in the end, and these five people would acquire the five spots to head to the Darkstone Empire.

With Duan Ling Tian's current strength, it wasn't difficult to seize one of the five spots, but Duan Ling Tian's target now wasn't the spot from the genius competition.

Obtaining that spot was without suspense to him, and he'd never even thought about it.

His current target was to break through to the Void Initiation Stage as soon as possible!

At that time, he would be able to open the Sword Monarch's Treasure with the other owners of the eight jade swords.

The Sword Monarch's Treasure was a treasure left behind by a sword cultivating Martial Monarch, and there might be things that are useful to him within it.

"Unfortunately, although the Rebirth Pill could be called heaven defying, and is able to greatly improve my cultivation... I only have a core medicinal catalyst." Duan Ling Tian sighed.

The most important material of the Rebirth Pill was the blood of a Scarlet Phoenix.

However, besides the core medicinal catalyst, the blood of a Scarlet Phoenix, the Rebirth Pill still required another two more secondary medicinal catalysts...

Although those two secondary medicinal catalysts couldn't be considered to be rare in the Foreign Lands, they'd be extremely difficult to come by in the territory of the Darkhan Dynasty.

"All those years ago, after the Rebirth Martial Emperor consumed the Rebirth Pill, he'd experienced many years before completely absorbing the medicinal strength of the Rebirth Pill and breaking

through from the first level of the Martial Emperor Stage to the fourth level of the Martial Emperor Stage in one go, and he crushed all the other Martial Emperors on Cloud Continent!" Duan Ling Tian shuddered with fear when he thought of the terrifying medicinal strength contained within the Rebirth Pill.

That medicinal strength could be called heaven defying!

Most importantly, the medicinal strength of the Rebirth Pill was extremely gentle.

A human or demon beast of any cultivation was able to consume it.

"I can only wait until I arrive at the Darkstone Empire then go look for it at the Darkhan Dynasty." Duan Ling Tian thought in his heart.

The other medicinal materials weren't anything great, as he'd already obtained the Scarlet Phoenix blood that was the most difficult to obtain, and he only lacked the two secondary medicinal catalysts.

So long as he obtained those two types of secondary medicinal catalysts, he would be able to refine the Rebirth Pill.

Now, Duan Ling Tian only hoped that he would be able to find those two medicinal materials in the Darkhan Dynasty...

"Perhaps I can ask City Governor Feng for help after I arrive at the Darkhan Dynasty." Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but recall Feng Wu Dao and the others he'd gotten acquainted with in the Darkstone Empire's Phoenix Nest City all those years ago.

Feng Wu Dao had said that Duan Ling Tian could go to the Feng Clan to look for him once Duan Ling Tian had arrived in the Darkhan Dynasty in the future.

"Also, Tian Wu... She's a step closer to the age of 30 now! I hoped that I'm able to find a way to help her before she's 30 years old."

Feng Tian Wu possessed the rare Fire Spirit Body.

If there was no way to deal with it before she became 30, then Feng Tian Wu would surely explode from the pent up energy in her body.

Although the relationship between him and Feng Tian Wu hadn't advanced to the extent of being love between man and woman, he always felt tender and protective towards that beautiful and warm young woman.

If it was possible, Duan Ling Tian wasn't willing to see her pass away like this.

Half a month of time passed by quickly.

During this period of time, Little Gold had sent Zheng Song to the

stalactite cave on Megrez Peak and returned.

Today, early in the morning after breakfast, the group of Dragon and Phoenix Academy students were all gathered together.

"Everyone, from today onwards, the Dragon and Phoenix Academy will be dissolved... All of you can return to the powers you belong to! Tomorrow, all of you can rely on the Dragon and Phoenix Academy student command token in your possessions to lead the seniors from the powers all of you are from into the Imperial Palace to watch the genius competition!

"At that time, there will be someone to gather the command tokens in your possessions. Now, everyone can disperse!" The Vice Dean, Chi Ming, spoke slowly.

Instantly, the students present went silent.

Especially some of the Outer Hall students, as they'd sown deep friendship between each other, and after today, all of them would go their separate ways.

All of them felt unwilling.

However, all good things must come to an end, and no matter how unwilling they were, they had to leave in the end.

"Vice Dean Chi, farewell." Duan Ling Tian nodded to Chi Ming, and then he turned around to leave with Luo Zhan and Chen Shao

Shuai.

"See you tomorrow." Chi Ming's voice transmission entered into Duan Ling Tian's ears as well.

After Duan Ling Tian's group of three left, the group of academy students left successively.

"Zi Yan!" Flame Young Master, Zhang Yan, thickened his face and followed behind Flute Fairy, Zi Yan.

"Zhang Yan, I'm warning you, don't follow me anymore!" Flute Fairy's slanted brows tilted up, and she was like a female tiger that was demonstrating her might.

But Zhang Yan utterly didn't allow himself to be pushed away.

Perhaps, so long as Flute Fairy didn't get married, he wouldn't give up on chasing after Flute Fairy.

After Duan Ling Tian, Luo Zhan, and Chen Shao Shuai left the academy, they went to have a meal together.

After the meal.

"Duan Ling Tian, want to go to the Spring Night House with me?" Chen Shao Shuai looked at Duan Ling Tian with a dubious expression.

"No!" Duan Ling Tian shook his head, and his tone was resolute and decisive.

Chen Shao Shuai shook his head, then he glanced at Duan Ling Tian before looking and at Luo Zhan, and he sighed. "Truly boring... Sometime I even have doubts about whether you're interested in women!"

"Sword Young Master, I'm more interested in sparring with you." Duan Ling Tian spoke word by word.

"Exactly, I'm interested in sparring with you, Sword Young Master, as well." Luo Zhan looked at Chen Shao Shuai, and the battle intent in his eyes surged.

Chen Shao Shuai rolled his eyes at Duan Ling Tian and Luo Zhan. "I can't be bothered with the two of you!"

As soon as he finished speaking, he directly leaped out of the window and left to the Spring Night House to have fun.

Whereas after Duan Ling Tian and Luo Zhan finished eating, they left the restaurant and headed to the Weapons Craftsmen Guild.

The Weapons Craftsmen Guild had a total of five floors.

The first floor was the main hall to publish and accept assignments.

The second floor was the place to rest and verify the grade of a Weapons Craftsman and to distribute the Weapons Craftsmen badge.

The third floor was the Weapons Refinement Room that was exclusive to the Guild Master, Luo Rong.

The fourth floor was the place of rest for the workers of the Weapons Craftsmen Guild.

The fifth floor was Luo Rong's residence.

When he heard that Duan Ling Tian wanted to stay for a night, Luo Rong instantly instructed the workers to tidy up a room in the fifth floor for Duan Ling Tian.

Although Duan Ling Tian was unwilling to be Luo Rong's teacher, in Luo Rong's heart, he'd already taken Duan Ling Tian to be his teacher since long ago.

Chapter 548: Sun Rui!

Dawn the next day.

Duan Ling Tian and Luo Zhan left the Weapons Craftsmen Guild and entered into a carriage.

Another person followed by their side, the Guild Master of the Weapons Craftsmen Guild, Luo Rong!

In the carriage, Duan Ling Tian sat a lot at one side, whereas Luo Rong and Luo Zhan sat together at the other side.

Because of Luo Rong's presence, Luo Zhan didn't dare be as casual as he normally was.

"Squeak squeak~" For a time, only the little gold mouse's cries remained within the carriage.

Luo Rong's gaze descended onto the little gold mouse.

He's heard of the incident that occurred in the Caged Battle Arena half a month ago, and he knew that this was a demon beast that was able to kill a second level Void Initiation Stage martial artist...

"Master, this demon beast by your side seems to not be a Goldfur Mouse?" Luo Rong looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked

respectfully.

"Of course it isn't a Goldfur Mouse." Duan Ling Tian shook his head and smiled, then said, "Have you seen a Goldfur Mouse step into the Void Initiation Stage?"

Luo Rong smiled with slight embarrassment.

"Duan Ling Tian, what demon beast is Little Gold?" Luo Zhan curiously asked Duan Ling Tian.

"Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse!" Duan Ling Tian's eyes flashed as he spoke.

"Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse?" Although Duan Ling Tian had spoken of the origins of the little gold mouse, Luo Rong and Luo Zhan had obviously not heard of it.

"Although I don't know what demon beast a Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse is, just from this domineering name, it's surely not an ordinary demon beast." Luo Zhan sighed.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse stood on Duan Ling Tian's shoulder as she complacently nodded to Luo Zhan.

It was as if she was saying. "At least you're insightful!"

It wasn't long before the carriage stopped, as they'd arrived at

the Imperial palace.

Duan Ling Tian walked down from the carriage, and he was absent-minded for a moment as he looked at the grand and magnificent Imperial Palace.

Before the Imperial Palace of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, the Imperial Palace of the Crimson Sky Kingdom seemed to be slightly not grand enough.

Meanwhile, Luo Zhan and Luo Rong had successively descended from the carriage.

Duan Ling Tian noticed that there were many students of Dragon and Phoenix Academy in the distance who were heading towards the entrance of the Imperial Palace with their seniors.

After they passed over their command tokens and registered themselves, they were able to bring others with them into the Imperial Palace.

"Let's go over." Luo Zhan called out to Duan Ling Tian and Luo Rong.

Duan Ling Tian nodded and walked over with large strides.

When he arrived at the entrance to the Imperial palace, his footsteps had stopped.

Because three figures that were moving towards the Imperial Palace from the distance had attracted his gaze.

Luo Rong and Luo Zhan noticed something was off with Duan Ling Tian, and Luo Zhan asked. "Duan Ling Tian, what're you looking at?"

"Chai Jin?" At the same time, Luo Zhan looked over to the place Duan Ling Tian was looking at.

At that place, three black colored figures were walking over with large strides.

Chai Jin who wore black clothes was walking together with a middle aged man who wore black clothed and had a hideous appearance, and in front of them was a black clothed old man.

Chai Jin and the middle aged man by his side were respectful and reverent to the old man.

"Members of the Black Fiend Sect?" Luo Zhan knew Chai Jin's background, but he was extremely curious why Duan Ling Tian would lose his composure because of Chai Jin.

Logically speaking, Chai Jin didn't have the ability to make Duan Ling Tian lose his composure like this...

He vaguely guessed that there surely was some secrets hidden within.

Luo Rong's gaze descended onto the black clothed middle aged man.

He was able to discern that Duan Ling Tian's gaze had descended onto this person.

"Let's go in." Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian spoke and then he led the way towards the Imperial Palace.

Luo Rong and Luo Zhan glanced at each other before following after.

After Duan Ling Tian and Luo Zhan handed over their student command token, they started the registration.

"Duan Ling Tian? Luo Zhan?" The person in-charge of registration looked at Duan Ling Tian and Luo Zhan with a gaze filled with reverence.

Duan Ling Tian's group of three entered the Imperial Palace and followed along the stream of people to arrive before a vast drill ground.

"This is the place the Imperial Army normally carries out their drills," said Luo Zhan to Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian came to a sudden understanding.

Looks like the genius competition will be held in the drill grounds.

Meanwhile, the people that arrived at the drill grounds grew more and more.

"Duan Ling Tian, Luo Zhan, you two are really early." Even Sword Young Master had arrived.

But he came alone.

He only noticed the nearby Luo Rong after he arrived before Duan Ling Tian and Luo Zhan, and he hurriedly smiled and bowed. "Greetings, Guild Master Luo!"

"Sword Young Master, I hope you've been well." Luo Rong nodded to Chen Shao Shuai, and he obviously knew Chen Shao Shuai well.

"Guild Master Luo, you know as well that since that old goat passed away, there's no one to supervise me anymore... I've lived these past few years extremely freely." Chen Shao Shuai smiled.

Duan Ling Tian's brows raised.

He naturally knew who the old goat Sword Young Master spoke of was.

It was Sword Young Master's Master, the former Guardian Elder of the Origin Convergence Sect, and it was precisely him who had tricked Sword Young Master to join the Origin Convergence Sect.

But, that Guardian Elder had died because of qi deviation later on...

Since then, Sword Young Master had been lingering in the places of pleasure in the Imperial City all day long.

Of course, Duan Ling Tian was able to discern, Sword Young Master still had some feelings towards that Guardian Elder of the former Origin Convergence Sect.

Not long after, the people at the drill grounds grew more and more, and many people took the initiative to come over and greet Duan Ling Tian, Luo Zhan, and Chen Shao Shuai.

Almost all these people were students of the Dragon and Phoenix Academy and the seniors from the powers they belonged to...

"As expected for the number one genius of the former Seven Star Sword Sect, no matter where Young Master Ling Tian goes, you're able to display extraordinary talents!"

"Young Master Ling Tian, if you're free in the future, you can pay

a visit to our clan, and we'll surely treat Young Master Ling Tian as a distinguished guest."

"The reputation of Crazy Young Master has been like thunder reverberating in my ear since long ago, and now that I've met you today, you live up to your reputation."

"Sword Young Master, I heard that your sword is swift like a bolt of lightning... It's impossible for this useless son of mine to compare with Sword Young Master. Sword Young Master, if you're free, I would like to spar with Sword Young Master."

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Waves of flattery entered into the ears of Duan Ling Tian's group of three.

The three of them lightly smiled and replied one by one.

It wasn't long before almost all the students of the Dragon and Phoenix Academy had gathered here, and amongst them was no lack of Zi Clan members that were following Flute Fairy, Zi Yan.

The Flame Young Master, Zhang Yan, was chatting passionately with the higher-ups of the Zi Clan that were by Flute Fairy's side, yet his gaze never left Flute Fairy from the beginning until the end.

"He's truly in deep love." Duan Ling Tian sighed with emotion.

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian noticed two figures that flashed over from the high above in the distant sky.

These were two old men.

One of them was the Dragon and Phoenix Academy's Vice Dean, Chi Ming.

As for the other old man, he'd never seen the old man before.

"He should be one of the five great Revered Elders of the Imperial Family." Duan Ling Tian thought to himself when he saw Chi Ming chatting and laughing with the old man.

"Hmph!" Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian noticed a cold gaze descend onto him.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian noticed a familiar figure.

Zhang Heng!

The Little Prince of Prince Sheng's Estate.

Presently, a middle aged man in gorgeous clothes followed by Zhang Heng's side.

The middle aged man had an imposing appearance, and people that wanted to curry favor with him stood all around him.

"He's Prince Sheng." Luo Rong's voice sounded out by Duan Ling Tian's ear.

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

"It's almost time." Duan Ling Tian muttered, and then his gaze descended into the distance.

At that place stood three people in black clothes.

The members of the Black Fiend Sect!

Right at this moment, all the members of the Black Fiend Sect including Chai Jin noticed Duan Ling Tian's gaze.

Chai Jing's face sank, and he said a few words to the old man and middle aged man by his side.

These words caused the both of them to reveal surprised expressions.

"Hmph!" Duan Ling Tian snorted in a low voice, and coldness appeared in his eyes. Then he brought along the little gold mouse as he walked over in large strides.

Duan Ling Tian's actions shocked Chai Jin. "What does Duan Ling Tian want to do?"

Chai Jin asked himself.

Although he wished for nothing more than to completely return all the humiliation Duan Ling Tian gave him that day, because of the gap between him and Duan Ling Tian that grew larger and larger, it caused him to practically give up this thought.

He knew that he was utterly not on the same level as Duan Ling Tian.

Moreover, he noticed that there was actually ghastly icy coldness flickering within Duan Ling Tian's gaze now.

This caused his heart to jump.

"Eh." In next to no time, Chai Jin noticed that Duan Ling Tian's gaze wasn't on him, but was instead on the person by his side.

"Senior Brother, you know Duan Ling Tian?" Chai Jin looked at the black clothed middle aged man with a hideous appearance by his side, and he asked curiously.

The middle aged man looked at Duan Ling Tian then shook his head. "No."

"Something's not right... Why do I feel that he's coming for you, Senior Brother?" Chai Jin's face went grim.

Whereas at this moment, within the world in the eyes of Duan Ling Tian who walked out in large strides, it seemed as if only the black clothed middle aged man remained there.

This black clothed middle aged man with a hideous appearance was someone Duan Ling Tian was unable to forget in his entire life!

Eight years ago, in the Misty Forest of Aurora City, the person from the Black Fiend Sect that had used his formidable imposing manner to suppress Duan Ling Tian and humiliate Duan Ling Tian was precisely this person.

"Kid, remembers, you're only an ant before me! If I want to kill you, it's no different than stomping an ant to death... I disdain to kill you!" Now, Duan Ling Tian still remembered what this person had said to him on that day.

At that moment, it was as if he was able to survive because of that person's disdain.

"Sun Rui!" Duan Ling Tian arrived before the three members of the Black Fiend Sect, and his gaze stared fixedly at the black clothed middle aged man as he spoke slowly.

Sun Rui!

As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, Chai Jin's pupils constricted, and he looked at the black clothed middle aged man by his side with a bewildered expression.

Duan Ling Tian even knows Senior Brother's name, how can Senior Brother not know Duan Ling Tian?

"You... Know me?" Sun Rui frowned as he sized up the violet clothed young man before him, yet he didn't have any impression.

Presently, he'd found out of the identity of the person before him from his Junior Brother, Chai Jin.

Duan Ling Tian!

This person was the number one genius of the former Seven Star Sword Sect, and had crushed all the figures that were called the five young masters of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

He'd heard of Duan Ling Tian.

But he could be certain that he ought to have had no interaction with Duan Ling Tian.

Otherwise, it was impossible for him to forget a genius martial artist like this.

"Heh..." Duan Ling Tian noticed the confusion in Sun Rui's eyes,

and he suddenly started laughing. "Right, before the high and mighty you from before, I was only a lowly ant that could be overlooked!"

"It isn't surprising that you don't remember me." Duan Ling Tian's voice contained slight ridicule mixed within.

Duan Ling Tian didn't intentionally suppress his voice, and he'd even faintly spread his voice out with Origin Energy, causing it to spread throughout the entire drill grounds.

Chapter 549: Don't Bully The Young For Being Weak

Lowly? Ant?

He said that about Duan Ling Tian?

When the crowd on the drill grounds heard Duan Ling Tian's words, they were all dumbstruck.

In next to no time, everyone recovered from their senses and surrounded them.

Luo Rong, Luo Zhan, and Chen Shao Shuai occupied the foremost position and stood behind Duan Ling Tian.

"Duan Ling Tian, what's going on?" Luo Zhan frowned, and he looked with hostility towards the three people from the Black Fiend Sect.

"It's nothing, I'm just meeting an 'old friend'." Duan Ling Tian shook his head, and a wisp of an evil smile appeared on the corners of his mouth.

But no one believed Duan Ling Tian's words at this moment.

This is meeting an old friend?

It looks more like Duan Ling Tian has gone to denounce his crimes.

"I've heard my disciple, Chai Jin, mention you before, you're Duan Ling Tian... I wonder how his eldest disciple, Sun Rui, has offended you?" The old man in black clothes possessed a conspicuous hawk nose, and his voice was hoarse to the point it caused coldness to emerge in one's heart.

But Duan Ling Tian instead disregarded the old man and stared at Sun Rui.

"Duan Ling Tian, my Master is talking to you! Don't go too far!" When Chai Jin saw Duan Ling Tian disregard his master, he instantly burst into rage.

But unfortunately, Duan Ling Tian didn't spare him a glance at all.

"What exactly do you want to do?" Sun Rui's face sank as he glared angrily at Duan Ling Tian.

"What I want to do?" Duan Ling Tian started laughing. "A high and mighty Void Prying Stage expert of the Black Fiend Sect... What can a lowly ant like me do before a noble person like you? Yet your words are slightly laughable."

"What do you mean by this? We're complete strangers, so why

are you going against me?" Sun Rui spoke in a low voice, and his hideous features became slightly savage.

"Going against you?" The smile on Duan Ling Tian's face was instantly withdrawn, and he said with a low voice. "You said I'm going against you? Is a person like you worthy of it?!" Duan Ling Tian practically spoke word by word.

Duan Ling Tian suddenly turning hostile was like a stone that caused a thousand ripples.

All the people present were in an uproar.

"Duan Ling Tian seemed to be extremely hostile towards this person from the Black Fiend Sect."

"Isn't this the Black Fiend Sect Elder, Sun Rui? And isn't that old man the Black Fiend Sect's Supreme Elder, Qiu Cheng?"

"This Qiu Cheng seems to also be the master of Sun Rui."

"When did this members of the Black Fiend Sect offend Duan Ling Tian? They're really ignorant."

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The surrounding crowd discussed animatedly.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

Right at this moment, two howls of the wind sounded out from the sky, and it successfully moved the attention of everyone present.

It was precisely Chi Ming and the other Revered Elder of the Imperial Family.

After the people present who knew Chi Ming and the old man greeted them respectfully, they withdrew their gazes and once again looked at Sun Rui and Duan Ling Tian with interest.

They were able to perceive that the conflict between Duan Ling Tian and Sun Rui would be triggered at any moment.

"Hmm?" Chi Ming noticed the atmosphere was off as well, and he asked Duan Ling Tian via voice transmission. "Duan Ling Tian, you have a conflict with these members of the Black Fiend Sect? Do you need my help?"

Chi Ming, was a Revered Elder of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial Family, and he was an existence at the sixth level of the Void Initiation Stage!

Presently, his strength was even more shocking after he possessed a grade four spirit weapon, and he could be considered to be the number two expert of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial Family.

The number one expert was that seventh level Void Initiation Stage expert that rarely showed himself...

That expert was also called the number one expert in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

If it wasn't for the Imperial Family facing a disaster, or perhaps a top expert had arrived at the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, otherwise, that person had already not shown himself for many years.

Normally, the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial Family was managed by the current Emperor and the five great Revered Elders.

Chi Ming was one of these five Revered Elders.

"It's just a small matter, and I won't trouble Vice Dean Chi for it." Duan Ling Tian's voice transmission politely declined Chi Ming's good intentions.

Is a person like you worthy of it?

Duan Ling Tian's words caused Sun Rui's face to go gloomy, and he said with a low voice, "Duan Ling Tian, it's the first time that I've met you... Why are you being so overbearing?"

"The first time?" Sun Rui's words caused Duan Ling Tian to be unable to refrain from roaring with laughter.

He laughed to the point the surrounding spectators were stunned.

"Has this Duan Ling Tian gone mad?"

Many people thought to themselves.

Finally, Duan Ling Tian restrained his laughter and cold lights flickered within his eyes as he spoke word by word. "High and mighty Void Prying Stage expert of the Black Fiend Sect, do you remember eight years ago, at a forest that is twined in mist all year long at the south of the Crimson Sky Kingdom?"

Crimson Sky Kingdom?

Sun Rui frowned as he thought back into the past.

In the end, he recalled it.

Eight years ago, he'd indeed gone to the Crimson Sky Kingdom.

At that time, he's received the orders of the Sect Leader to chase and kill the survivor of the Boundless Sect and seize the key to open the Sword Monarch's Treasure.

But unfortunately, he'd failed that mission.

"A forest that's twined in mist all year long?" Sun Rui thought back into the past, and for a time, he was unable to recall it.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian continued.

"Do you remember the pair of youth and young girl you encountered in that forest?!"

"Do you remember what kind of gaze you used to be disrespectful to that young girl?!"

"Do you remember how you used the Origin Energy at the Void Prying Stage to condense your voice and injure and humiliate that youth?!"

Duan Ling Tian spoke three sentences successively.

"If you've forgotten all this... Then do you still remember what you said to that youth?" Duan Ling Tian stared at Sun Rui, and his gaze suddenly became fierce.

"Kid, remember, you're an ant before me! If I want to kill you, it's no different than stomping an ant to death... I disdain to kill you!" Duan Ling Tian spoke word for word and slowly spoke out the words that Sun Rui said to him all those years ago.

Whoosh!

The surrounding crowd of spectators went into an uproar once again.

Now, they could be considered to have understood what exactly was going on.

So it turned out that this Black Fiend Sect's Sun Rui had humiliated Duan Ling Tian eight years ago. Moreover, he'd called Duan Ling Tian an ant and trampled on Duan Ling Tian's pride without restraint!

In this world where the strong were respected.

To a certain extent, pride was more important than one's life!

If one person doesn't even have pride, then that person was as good as dead.

Now, they could understand Duan Ling Tian's feelings.

Eight years...

That was a humiliation that pressed down on Duan Ling Tian's heart for eight years!

How many eight years can one have in one's life?

They could imagine that during these eight years, Duan Ling Tian would surely be extremely ashamed and resentful every time he thought of this.

"This Sun Rui is really unfortunate... The seed of disaster that he planted eight years ago has come to get even with him today!"

"As the saying goes, life is full of ups and downs, don't bully the young for being weak! The youth from eight years ago has already grown up now, and he's able to use his strength to refute the humiliation Sun Rui gave him all those years ago."

"This Sun Rui probably never dreamt that the youth he looked upon as an ant and even disdained to kill all those years ago would be able to grow to such an extent now!"

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The surrounding crowd of spectators let out a wave of emotional sighs, and they all felt that Sun Rui was too lucky.

But not everyone was able to bear this luck.

"You... You..." Sun Rui shuddered when he was reminded by Duan Ling Tian in this way, his pupils constricted when he reacted, and it was as if he'd seen a ghost. "You're that violet clothed youth from all those years ago?"

Duan Ling Tian didn't answer Sun Rui, his gaze gradually became cold as killing intent flickered within.

The humiliation Sun Rui gave him all those years ago was one of the sources of motivation that urged him to cultivate bitterly all these years...

He's cultivated bitterly like that because he had the thoughts of looking for Sun Rui and washing away the humiliation from before.

Today, he finally had the strength to do it!

Sun Rui knew that this was Duan Ling Tian tacitly admitting it, and coldness couldn't help but emerge in his heart.

Being reminded step by step by Duan Ling Tian allowed him to extremely easily recall the scene from all those years ago.

At that time, he and another elder of the Black Fiend Sect chased after the Young Sect Leader of the Boundless Sect into the forest that was twined by mist.

In the forest, he'd encountered an extremely beautiful young girl and an arrogant and unyielding youth.

At that time, he'd only taken a few extra glances at the youth girl

when the youth stood out and blocked before the young girl, and had even blocked his gaze.

The actions of the youth infuriated him.

He's only casually condensed his Origin Energy into sound and grunted coldly, and it had injured the youth.

As far as he was concerned, a youth from a remote little kingdom was only an ant and was not worth mentioning.

At that time, he even disdained to kill the youth, and he'd quickly forgotten that incident.

However, never had he imagined that the youth that was like an ant in his eyes, and he'd even disdained to kill all those years ago would actually grow to such an extent now...

The monstrous genius that could be said to be unprecedented in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom!

If he knew earlier that this day would come, he would absolutely not have let Duan Ling Tian off that day.

He could imagine that if he'd killed the youth that day, everything at this moment wouldn't happen.

Earlier, he'd acquired a great deal of understanding towards the

violet clothed youth before him, Duan Ling Tian, from his Junior Brother, Chai Jin.

He knew that Duan Ling Tian was extremely young and his cultivation had stepped into the fourth level of the Void Prying Stage.

Not only that, that little gold mouse on Duan Ling Tian's shoulder was even a formidable demon beast that was able to kill a second level Void Initiation Stage expert!

He wasn't afraid of Duan Ling Tian.

Even if Duan Ling Tian had comprehended two types of Half-step Advanced Force.

As far as he was concerned, it was impossible for Duan Ling Tian to be a match for him, a sixth level Void Prying Stage martial artist.

Whereas what he was afraid of now was instead the little gold mouse by Duan Ling Tian's side.

This little gold mouse was able to kill a second level Void Initiation Stage martial artist.

In other words, the strength of the little gold mouse was even on par with his Master, the Black Fiend Sect's Supreme Elder!

"Duan Ling Tian, what do you want now?" Sun Rui took a deep breath and asked in a low voice.

"What I want?" Duan Ling Tian started laughing. "It's naturally to kill you, trample on you, and make you my stepping stone!" During these past eight years, Sun Rui had always been a thorn in his heart.

Only by completely removing it by the roots would his resentment of these eight years dissipate.

Duan Ling Tian's voice was extremely flat, yet the killing intent within it caused a chill to run down one's spine.

Many people mourned silently for Sun Rui.

Not to mention the network of relationships Duan Ling Tian possessed, like Crazy Young Master, Luo Zhan, and the background behind Luo Zhan...

Just that mouse type demon beast by Duan Ling Tian's side was sufficient to crush the entire Black Fiend Sect!

The Black Fiend Sect only had three Void Initiation Stage experts, and the strongest of them all was the Black Fiend Sect's Supreme Elder, Qiu Cheng, who stood by Sun Rui's side and was a second level Void Initiation Stage martial artist.

Chapter 550: Going Up Against Sun Rui

Duan Ling Tian had only just finished speaking when Sun Rui's face went gloomy.

Chai Jin's face went gloomy as well, and he said angrily, "Duan Ling Tian, my Senior Brother spared your life that day, but not only do you not try to repay his kindness, you return kindness with hatred!"

"Spared my life? Return kindness with hatred?" Chai Jin's words caused Duan Ling Tian to be unable to help himself from being stunned, and he couldn't help but start laughing.

The surrounding crowd of spectators shot their gazes at Chai Jin, and it was as if they were looking at an idiot.

Duan Ling Tian had clearly spoke of the matter between himself and Sun Rui earlier.

It was obviously Sun Rui who'd relied on his formidable strength to use his power to bully Duan Ling Tian, and after he humiliated Duan Ling Tian many times, he disdained to kill Duan Ling Tian...

What did this have to do with returning kindness with hatred?

"Chai Jin!" Duan Ling Tian's fierce gaze stared at Chia Jin as he said with a cold voice. "Then I'll break off your limbs for no reason now, and leave you with your life... When you're lying on the bed

in the future, would you also be grateful to me, then thank me for showing mercy today and sparing your life?" Duan Ling Tian asked word by word.

Chai Jin instantly felt suffocated, and his face flushed red when he heard this, yet he was at a loss for what to say.

If something like that really happened, would he be grateful to Duan Ling Tian?

No!

He would only hate Duan Ling Tian to the bone.

When he saw Chai Jin shut up, Duan Ling Tian's gaze that was covered in killing intent once again descended onto Sun Rui, and it was filled with viciousness.

"Duan Ling Tian!" Finally, the black clothed old man by Sun Rui's side, the Supreme Elder of the Black Fiend Sect, Qiu Cheng, spoke out. "The incident from all those years is because of the failure of mine as a teacher... I hope that you can give me face and spare my good for nothing disciple."

Due to the fear of the network of relationships Duan Ling Tian possessed, and for fear of the terrifying strength of the little gold mouse by Duan Ling Tian's side, Qiu Cheng had admitted his mistakes.

Right when everyone was curious if Duan Ling Tian would give Qiu Cheng face.

"Give you face?" Duan Ling Tian sized Qiu Cheng up, and under the gazes of anticipation from the surrounding crowd of spectators, he said slowly, "Do I know you? Why should I give you face? Who do you think you are?!"

Duan Ling Tian's words caused the surrounding crowd of spectators to be stunned.

These words are too vicious, right?

"You...You!!" Whereas Qiu Cheng was instead to the point his face flushed red, and his eyes almost stared out of his sockets as his body trembled.

As the Supreme Elder of the Black Fiend Sect, an existence at the second level of the Void Initiation Stage.

When had he ever been humiliated like this?

"Duan Ling Tian, you dare humiliate my Master!?" Chai Jin was an impetuous young man after all, and his figure flashed out to pounce towards Duan Ling Tian.

"F**k off!" But, he hadn't even gotten close to Duan Ling Tian when he was kicked flying by Luo Zhan and crashed onto the ground.

"You dare touch my disciple?" Qiu Cheng's face went grim, and his fierce eyes that shot at Luo Zhan was covered in killing intent.

The imposing manner of a Void Initiation Stage expert swept out to press onto Luo Zhan's body, causing Luo Zhan's face to go grim.

Right at this moment, so long as they knew Luo Zhan, the surrounding spectators looked at Qiu Cheng as if they were looking at an idiot.

They knew that Qiu Cheng was about to suffer.

Was Crazy Young Master, Luo Zhan, someone he could bully?

Right at this moment, a cold grunt that was ear deafening sounded out abruptly, and it shook most of the people present to the point their vital energy and blood roiled.

"You dare touch my grandson?" Subsequently, most of the people present felt a strong wind blow by, blowing to the point their faces ached.

Bang!

Accompanying an enormous bang, the Black Fiend Sect's Supreme Elder, Qiu Cheng, who was still using his imposing manner to bully others a moment ago, flew out like an arrow that

had left the bow and fiercely collided onto a nearby stone stele.

Bang!

The stone stele broke into pieces, and it was on the verge of collapse.

Whereas Qiu Cheng's face was pale like a sheet as he successively spat out a few mouthfuls of blood.

After he consumed a healing medicinal pill, he was barely able to stand up.

But his body that stood up was still shaky and unsteady.

His gaze descended onto the old man in the distance that had attacked him, and there was slight terror in his eyes. "You... Who are you?"

"You're not worthy to know my name!" The old man glanced at Qiu Cheng in disdain, then turned around and returned to Luo Zhan's side.

"Luo Rong, you've come as well?" Right at this moment, Chi Ming who stood in the sky, seemed as if he'd discovered a new continent, and he descended at the side of the old man.

Luo Rong?

As soon as Chi Ming spoke, it cause Qiu Cheng to be completely dumbstruck.

"Luo Rong? The Guild Master of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Weapons Craftsmen Guild's Main Guild?" Qiu Cheng was greatly shocked in his heart.

Subsequently, his gaze descended onto Luo Zhan. "That young man is the top ranked figure amongst the five great young masters of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, Crazy Young Master?" Qiu Cheng's face was covered in a bitter expression.

If he knew that this was the Crazy Young Master, Luo Zhan, then no matter how brave he was, he wouldn't dare use his imposing manner to bully Luo Zhan.

"The members of the Black Fiend Sect are truly formidable!"

"Yea, like Master like disciple... I can be considered to have comprehended the essence of these words."

"The elder offended Duan Ling Tian, the young offended Crazy Young Master, and the old is even more formidable... He directly offended Guild Master Luo."

"Guild Master Luo is an existence at the sixth level of the Void Initiation Stage... Supposedly, in terms of strength, he even isn't inferior to any one of the five great Revered Elders of the Imperial

Family."

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The crowd of surrounding spectators sighed with emotion.

When the three people from the Black Fiend Sect heard this, it caused their expressions to go unsightly.

Especially Chia Jing and Qiu Cheng who were already injured, they were even angered to the point they spat out a mouthful of blood.

"Duan Ling Tian!" When he saw his Master being injured, Sun Rui knew that there was nothing his side could do about the situation now.

He looked at Duan Ling Tian and said with a cold voice, "You've said repeatedly that you want to kill me, you want to trample on me under your feet, and you want to make me your stepping stone... Do you dare to battle me without drawing on the assistance from the strength of others and prove that you're able to trample on me beneath your feet?"

"If you don't dare... Then you're still the ant from all those years ago to me!" Sun Rui's words were filled with ridicule.

At this moment, all the people present were able to perceive that Sun Rui was prodding Duan Ling Tian into action by means of

ridicule.

He wanted to enrage Duan Ling Tian, cause Duan Ling Tian to become rash and really intend to fight him by all alone.

For a time, the gazes of everyone present descended onto Duan Ling Tian.

Ant?

Duan Ling Tian started laughing. "Sun Rui, do you think that I don't dare fight you by myself?"

"Hmph!" Sun Rui grunted coldly. "Could it be that you dare?"

"Since you want me to personally fight you, then I'll fulfil your wish... Little Gold, go to Luo Zhan." Duan Ling Tian had a carefree expression.

Sun Rui was wildly delighted when he heard Duan Ling Tian agree.

As far as he was concerned, the reason Duan Ling Tian agreed was because Duan Ling Tian didn't know of his cultivation.

Otherwise, it was impossible that Duan Ling Tian would agree.

He was an existence at the sixth level of the Void Prying Stage!

When they saw Duan Ling Tian falling to Sun Rui's prodding, many people shook their heads and sighed.

"Duan Ling Tian is too rash! Since Sun Rui dares to challenge him, Sun Rui naturally knows of Duan Ling Tian's strength."

"Exactly. Sun Rui knows of Duan Ling Tian's strength, whereas Duan Ling Tian doesn't know anything about Sun Rui's strength... Duan Ling Tian is probably going to take beating in this battle."

"Sun Rui is surely confident, and that's why he prodded Duan Ling Tian into fighting him.

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The surrounding crowd whispered in discussion.

Many people shook their heads as they sighed, and they felt that Duan Ling Tian was too rash.

"Duan Ling Tian!" Meanwhile, numerous voice transmissions that were filled with concern entered into Duan Ling Tian's ears.

Most of them were persuading Duan Ling Tian, and the owners of these voice transmissions were respectively from Luo Rong, Luo Zhan, Chi Ming, and Chen Shao Shuai...

As for the content of the voice transmissions, it was none other than saying that he didn't know Sun Rui's cultivation, whereas Sun Rui knew his cultivation, and he was at a disadvantage.

Duan Ling Tian snickered in his heart towards this.

He didn't know Sun Rui's cultivation?

When he glanced at Sun Rui the first time outside the Imperial Palace, he'd relied on his acute Spiritual Force and the lifetime worth of experience of the Rebirth Martial Emperor to confirm Sun Rui's cultivation.

Sun Rui was at the sixth level of the Void Prying Stage!

Besides that, because Sun Rui didn't notice in the slightest that he'd used his Spiritual Force to detect Sun Rui's cultivation.

Duan Ling Tian could conclude that Sun Rui wasn't an Inscription Master.

"Courting death!" When there were worried about Duan Ling Tian, there naturally were people that wished for nothing more than for Duan Ling Tian to be killed by Sun Rui.

Like Prince Sheng and his son, Zhang Heng.

Now their gazes contained pleasure towards Duan Ling Tian's misfortune mixed within.

"Senior Brother, Duan Ling Tian had once humiliated me many times... Since he's conceited to the point of daring to battle you by himself this time, you must avenge me!" After Chai Jin consumed a healing medicinal pill, he hurriedly supported his master, Qiu Cheng, and at the same time, he sent a voice transmission to Sun Rui.

"Don't worry Junior Brother, I'll surely make Duan Ling Tian die a graveless death! Not only can I take revenge for you, I can also get rid of a great calamity!" Sun Rui looked at Duan Ling Tian with eyes that were filled with insane killing intent.

Duan Ling Tian's natural talent caused him to feel terrified.

That weak youth from eight years ago had already possessed a cultivation that was catching up to him eight years later.

Now, he felt slightly fortunate.

Fortunate that he'd encountered Duan Ling Tian now.

Otherwise, if another few years passed, it would be impossible for him to be a match for Duan Ling Tian.

No one had imagined that the genius competition held by the Imperial Family hadn't even started, yet there would be such a

brilliant battle on the drill grounds.

Duan Ling Tian vs Sun Rui.

One was a peerless genius who had become famous in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom in the recent years.

The other was an elder of the Black Fiend Sect.

In next to no time, the surrounding crowd of spectators either retreated back or soared into the sky, and they looked from afar at Duan Ling Tian and Sun Rui who stood in confrontation.

"This fellow Duan Ling Tian actually disregarded me." Luo Zhan frowned.

Earlier, he'd sent a voice transmission to persuade Duan Ling Tian, and it was directly disregarded by Duan Ling Tian.

"I hope this fellow is really able to defeat Sun Rui..." Luo Zhan thought to himself.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse stood on Luo Zhan's shoulder, and her pair of jade green eyes looked excitedly at Duan Ling Tian.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, kill him, kill him!" The voice of a young girl that was like a devil sounded out by Duan Ling Tian's ears.

Duan Ling Tian was able to discern that this was the voice of the little gold mouse.

"Duan Ling Tian!" Sun Rui looked at Duan Ling Tian, and a cold smile appeared on the corners of his mouth. "If you have another lifetime, remember to have some brains! I'll send you on your way today."

Obviously, Sun Rui felt that Duan Ling Tian had agreed to his challenge because of rashness and because of his prodding.

"I'll give you the exact same words." Duan Ling Tian had a calm expression as he spoke indifferently.

Chapter 551: Killing With A Single Blow

"Bullsh*t!" Sun Rui glanced at Duan Ling Tian in disdain, and then he sneered. "One move, I only need one move and I'll be able to send you to hell!"

As soon as Sun Rui finished speaking, his body flashed out as if he'd transformed into a bolt of lightning.

He flashed past like a bolt of lightning, and it gave rise to a wave of sounds of air exploding that were like thunderclaps, and the sounds swept towards Duan Ling Tian.

Swish!

A spirit sword appeared out of thin air in Sun Rui's hand, and it shot straight out with raging Origin Energy, seemed to have transformed into a venomous snake that had gone berserk and fiercely bit towards Duan Ling Tian.

Around the venomous snake's body was fierce and swift azure energy that followed it like a shadow.

In the sky, an ancient horned dragon silhouettes condensed into form and flashed out.

Whereas beside the ancient horned dragon silhouette was another 740 ancient mammoth silhouettes that followed out behind the ancient horned dragon silhouette.

"Sixth level of the Void Prying Stage!" In practically an instant, Luo Rong and Chi Ming were the first to react, and their faces paled.

They were able to discern that Sun Rui's cultivation was at the sixth level of the Void Prying Stage!

Whereas the spirit sword in Sun Rui's hand was a grade seven spirit sword!

As for the Force Sun Rui had comprehended, it was the Half-step Advanced Wind Force!

"Die!" Zhang Heng face revealed a frenzied smile, and his eyes were filled with extreme hatred.

The humiliation Duan Ling Tian gave him at the Caged Battle Arena half a month ago was something he wouldn't be able to forget for his entire lifetime, and seeing Duan Ling Tian being killed with his own two eyes was undoubtedly the happiest thing in his entire life.

"Duan Ling Tian!" Whereas Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai who were concerned about Duan Ling Tian both had expressions that were grim.

Both of them had never imagined that the Black Fiend Sect's Sun Rui would actually be a sixth level Void Prying Stage martial artist.

If they knew earlier, they would have spared no cost in persuading Duan Ling Tian to avoid the battle.

After all, a wise man knows when to retreat.

But unfortunately, it was already spilt milk.

But they weren't worried about Duan Ling Tian's safety.

Because they knew that if Duan Ling Tian's life was in danger, Luo Rong would absolutely not stand idly by.

In Luo Rong's heart, Duan Ling Tian was his teacher in the Dao of Weapons Refinement, and Duan Ling Tian's status in his heart was extraordinary.

The facts were indeed like this.

At this moment, Luo Rong's eyes had already squinted, the Origin Energy in his entire body was being accumulated, and he was prepared to make a move at any time.

To him, so long as he was able to save Duan Ling Tian, then any other thing wasn't important.

But he was quickly struck dumb.

Heaven!

What did I see?

Luo Rong saw that when Sun Rui's sword flashed out and transformed into a venomous snake that bit towards Duan Ling Tian was very close to Duan Ling Tian.

Whoosh!

Sun Rui abruptly changed his direction, and the sword in his hand dragged out a gorgeous streak in the air as it actually flashed towards the air at the Duan Ling Tian's side.

Swish!

His sword struck out and pierced into the air.

This scene caused all the people present to be dumbstruck.

As far as they were concerned, Sun Rui seemed as if he intentionally avoided Duan Ling Tian and pierced towards the air.

"Why did Sun Rui show mercy to Duan Ling Tian?" Many people were puzzled.

Amongst them included the Black Fiend Sect's Qiu Cheng and Chai Jin.

"What is Senior Brother doing?" Chai Jin's face went gloomy. "Why didn't he directly kill Duan Ling Tian? With his strength, that sword strike from before was sufficient to kill Duan Ling Tian!"

Qiu Cheng frowned.

He naturally hoped that his disciple was able to kill Duan Ling Tian.

Otherwise, Duan Ling Tian staying alive was undoubtedly a latent threat for the Black Fiend Sect.

This threat couldn't perhaps be considered to be nothing now.

But after another few years, then even if Duan Ling Tian didn't rely on the assistance of the strength of others, just Duan Ling Tian alone would probably be sufficient to annihilate the Black Fiend Sect.

Right when everyone thought that Sun Rui had showed mercy.

"Hahahaha..." After Sun Rui's sword flashed out and pierced the air by Duan Ling Tian's side, he stood on the spot and stared at the ground by Duan Ling Tian's side as he laughed loudly and arrogantly. "Duan Ling Tian, I've said it before, I only need a single

move to kill you! You can't even withstand a single strike of mine, you're truly useless."

In the eyes of the spectators, Sun Rui was talking to the air, and this scene caused all the people present felt their skin creep.

"Has Sun Rui gone mad?" Many people were stunned.

"Could it be that Duan Ling Tian utilized his demonic technique?" There were also some Dragon and Phoenix Academy students that couldn't help but be shocked in their hearts, and they guessed in their hearts.

"Demonic technique!" Flute Fairy, Zi Yan's, beautiful face instantly went pale.

She'd always deeply believed that Duan Ling Tian knew demonic techniques.

Because her brother, Zither Young Master, was a victim, and she was a victim as well.

"I almost forgot this fellow knows demonic techniques..." Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai couldn't help but heave a sigh of relief when they saw this scene.

"What's going on?" Prince Sheng and the Little Prince both had dumbstruck expressions as they utterly didn't know what had happened before them.

"Senior Brother!"

"Sun Rui!"

Whereas Chai Jin and Qiu Cheng of the Black Fiend Sect send their voice transmissions to pierce into Sun Rui's ears, wanting to awaken Sun Rui.

However, it was as if Sun Rui had been possessed, and he remained unmoved.

"Hmph! You escaped calamity eight years ago... Now that I've killed you today, the ending is still the same." Sun Rui looked at the empty ground with a chilly expression.

This scene caused most people present to be speechless.

"Has Sun Rui lost his mind?" Many people had strange gazes.

Presently, amongst the people present, it was probably only Duan Ling Tian that knew what was going on.

Early on when Sun Rui attack him, he'd successfully executed his soul skill, Thousand Illusion, through the soul brand at the depths of his soul.

Now, Sun Rui was within the illusory space that he'd created and

had killed 'him' in the illusory space.

Whereas when Sun Rui was enjoying the delight of killing him.

Whoosh!

Duan Ling Tian made his move and instantly arrived by Sun Rui's side.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian didn't even have the intention to use a spirit weapon, and with a raise of his hand, he pointed out towards Sun Rui's throat.

Tempest Point!

The point force flashed out from the tip of Duan Ling Tian's finger, it caused a wave of piercing howls that were ear deafening, and it was as if his point force was assisted by the gods.

"Sun Rui!" When the Supreme Elder of the Black Fiend Sect, Qiu Cheng, saw that his voice transmission was unable to awaken Sun Rui, his face went gloomy and he hurriedly shouted out.

He wanted to use this to awaken Sun Rui.

However, the present Sun Rui still remained unmoved.

Under the gazes of disbelief of the surrounding crowd of spectators.

Swish!

Duan Ling Tian's pure Origin Energy point force that contained the strength of 6,000 ancient mammoths easily pierced through Sun Rui's throat.

Pu!

Fresh blood sprayed out.

A hideous bloody hole appeared on Sun Rui's neck.

Subsequently, Sun Rui's eyes that were originally dim had recovered their lustre at this moment.

At this moment, the effect of the soul skill, Thousand Illusion, that Duan Ling Tian utilized had vanished completely.

"You..." After Sun Rui left the illusory space, the first thing that entered his eyes was Duan Ling Tian who stood before him, and his pupils abruptly constricted.

At the instant before his death, Sun Rui was still unable to wrap his head around it. How did a person that had obviously died at his hand suddenly come back to life?

Bang!

Sun Rui fell to the ground as blood gushed out like a pillar from his throat, his eyes that contained everlasting regret were glared wide open, and he was completely devoid of any signs of life.

Sun Rui.

A sixth level Void Prying Stage martial artist was killed by Duan Ling Tian with a single blow.

No matter what happened in between, Sun Rui had indeed died, died at the hands of Duan Ling Tian.

The scene was deathly silent.

The scene before their eyes gave them a feeling as if they were dreaming.

"Sun Rui!"

"Senior Brother."

The expressions of the Black Fiend Sect's Chai Jin and Qiu Cheng went gloomy when they saw Sun Rui was killed, and their eyes were instantly tainted with a bloody red color.

They were enraged to the point their bodies trembled intensely, yet they didn't dare take action.

It was only because they knew that if they dared make a move, they would die without a doubt!

This place wasn't their Black Fiend Sect.

Duan Ling Tian stood there with a carefree expression as he calmly looked at Sun Rui's corpse.

After a long time, Duan Ling Tian heaved a sigh of relief.

The resentment because of Sun Rui that had accumulated bit by bit over these past eight years had completely vanished.

That person that had once wantonly trampled on his pride was dead.

Completely dead!

At this moment, it was as if an enormous stone that was pressing down on his heart was shattered by him.

The surroundings were deathly silent.

Silent to the point it was terrifying.

The gazes of everyone had descended onto Sun Rui's corpse.

Even if it was Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai, who knew that Duan Ling Tian knew demonic techniques.

Although they were filled with confidence towards Duan Ling Tian, when they saw Sun Rui really being killed by Duan Ling Tian, they couldn't help but feel shocked.

This was a sixth level Void Prying Stage martial artist!

A sixth level Void Prying Stage martial artist was killed by Duan Ling Tian in the blink of an eye.

The people who didn't know of Duan Ling Tian's abilities were shocked even more.

Of course, even more people felt that it was Duan Ling Tian's luck.

After all, the soul skill, Thousand Illusions, was too difficult to understand for them.

"Duan Ling Tian's luck is really good, he just happened to encounter Sun Rui losing his mind."

"Yes, this luck is simply heaven defying!"

"Sun Rui is unfortunate as well, he just had to lose his mind at the most critical moment and give away his life."

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The surrounding crowd of spectators discussed animatedly.

"Hmph! I never imagined that Duan Ling Tian's luck was actually so good." Zhang Heng's face was extremely gloomy.

He originally thought that Sun Rui would be able to kill Duan Ling Tian.

Unexpectedly, Sun Rui actually lost his mind and was killed by Duan Ling Tian instead.

This caused the delight in Zhang Heng's heart to vanish completely.

"Sun Rui was truly useless." Prince Sheng's expression was extremely unsightly as well.

Since the moment that Duan Ling Tian had offended the Prince Sheng's Estate, he'd wished for nothing more than to kill Duan Ling Tian and celebrate after.

Luck?

Duan Ling Tian naturally heard the whispered discussions that came from the surroundings.

He didn't have any reaction towards this, and he had no intention of explaining.

"Presently, my cultivation is at the fourth level of the Void Prying Stage, and my Spiritual Force has been pushed to the sixth level of the Void Prying Stage... So long as it isn't a sixth level Void Prying Stage Inscription Master, or a martial artist at the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage or above, it would be difficult for my opponent to withstand the soul skill I execute!" Duan Ling Tian thought in his heart.

Almost one year ago, during the first experience mission of the Dragon and Phoenix Academy.

Duan Ling Tian had obtained a Soul Pearl from a bandit leader in Blackwind Ridge, and his Spiritual Force had advanced to the extent it was two levels higher than his cultivation.

At that time, his cultivation was at the first level of the Void Prying Stage, and his Spiritual Force had been pushed to the third level of the Void Prying Stage.

It could be said that it was all thanks to the contribution of the Soul Pearl that he was able to kill Sun Rui today.

Sun Rui's cultivation was at the sixth level of the Void Prying Stage, and Sun Rui wasn't an Inscription Master.

All this was also the reason he dared to agree to Sun Rui's challenge, and this was something he'd concluded since long ago.

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"Demonic technique! Demonic technique!" In his sudden realization, Chai Jin couldn't help but recall how Flute Fairy, Zi Yan, lost her composure in the Dragon and Phoenix Academy one year ago.

At that time, Flute Fairy said repeatedly that Duan Ling Tian knew demonic techniques.

But the crowd of people, including him, didn't believe it.

When he thought back to it now, all of this just happened to fit.

Lost his mind?

He naturally knew his Senior Brother didn't lose his mind, and it was precisely because of this that when he looked at Duan Ling Tian once again, his gaze was filled with terror.

"Demonic technique?" The expression of the Supreme Elder of the Black Fiend Sect, Qiu Cheng, went grim when he heard the words of Chai Jin who was supporting him, and he hurriedly asked in a low voice. "Jin, what exactly is going on?"

Chai Jin told Qiu Cheng of his guess in a low voice.

Qiu Cheng's pupils constricted.

"Looks like Sun Rui didn't die unjustly." Qiu Cheng let out a mouthful of cold air, and the gaze he shot at the violet clothed young man in the distance was filled with fear.

"Unfortunately, disciple is useless, and I'm probably unable to avenge Senior Brother," Chai Jin said bitterly.

"Jin!" Qiu Cheng's gaze suddenly became fierce, and he shouted in a low voice. "You must completely forget the incident from today! You must not offend Duan Ling Tian in the future. Otherwise, it will only bring a calamity to you and the Black Fiend Sect!"

Qiu Cheng voice contained boundless fear mixed within.

Chai Jin's figure stiffened, and although he had a belly full of unwillingness, he still nodded obediently.

He knew that his master wasn't exaggerating things just to frighten him.

Duan Ling Tian was indeed that terrifying.

"As expected of Master!" Luo Rong looked at the faraway Duan Ling Tian with a gaze of burning fervor.

He originally intended that when Duan Ling Tian wasn't a match

for the Black Fiend Sect's Sun Rui, then even if he had to risk losing face, he would still save Duan Ling Tian.

Yet he never imagined that Duan Ling Tian would actually kill Sun Rui so easily.

Of course, he didn't think that Sun Rui was killed by Duan Ling Tian because he lost his mind.

Duan Ling Tian's carefree expression from the beginning until the end allowed him to discern a trace of an inkling.

This Master had abilities that were beyond the imagination of ordinary people!

"Duan Ling Tian, you've really given me a pleasant surprise." Chi Ming glanced at Duan Ling Tian with a complicated gaze.

After that, he announced the beginning of the genius competition.

For a time, it caused the attention of everyone present to move away.

The genius competition of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom was the selection process to head all the way to the Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties.

It belonged to the selection at the Imperial Kingdom level.

As long as one was able to obtain the first five positions in the genius competition, one would be able to advance to the selections at the Empire level.

Today, the most outstanding young geniuses of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom has gathered exactly for the sake of those five positions.

"Duan Ling Tian will surely occupy one of the five positions... Besides him, there's also Crazy Young Master, Sword Young Master, and Flame Young Master. In other words, there's only one position for us." Many people whispered in discussion.

"Fortunately, Zither Young Master and Saber Young Master aren't present... Otherwise, we'd probably not even have the chance to compete for the last position."

"Hmph! Even if Zither Young Master and Saber Young Master aren't present, do you think you can compete and obtain that position? Don't forget that there's still Chai Jin, Ji Feng, and Sima Yang."

"Besides those three people, there's also the Little Prince of Prince Sheng's Estate, Zhang Heng, and Flute Fairy, Zi Yan... They're both Void Prying Stage martial artists as well!"

"Looks like so long as it's a person that hasn't stepped into the

Void Prying Stage, then the person practically has no need to join the competition."

"It's indeed so."

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The group of young geniuses couldn't help but sigh.

"Never mind, we'll just take it as we're watching a show.

His words quickly aroused the same feelings within most of the people present.

"Jin, you must do your best to obtain the last position." The Black Fiend Sect's Supreme Elder, Qiu Cheng, looked at Chai Jin who was beside him and said with a serious expression, "If you're able to obtain this position, then as the one that recommended you, the Black Fiend Sect will be able to obtain the rewards from the Imperial Family."

"Don't worry Master, so long as Sword Young Master and Zither Young Master don't come... Then I'm confident." Chai Jin hurriedly nodded with a confident expression.

"For the sake of efficiency... Young geniuses below the Void Prying Stage will be considered to be automatically eliminated! If someone has objections, that person may challenge a Void Prying Stage martial artist. So long as the person is able to defeat his

opponent, the person can continue in the following selections." Chi Ming's gaze swept past the crowd of young geniuses one by one.

No one had objections towards what Chi Ming said.

Martial artists below the Void Prying Stage indeed didn't have the need to participate.

Even if they participated, it would impossible for them to obtain one of the five positions.

"Very good." When he saw no one had objections, Chi Ming nodded and said, "Young geniuses at the Void Prying Stage, fall out!"

Instantly, the few Void Prying Stage young geniuses including Duan Ling Tian walked forward.

There were a total of nine of them.

Duan Ling Tian, Luo Zhan, Chen Shao Shuai, Zhang Yan, Chai Jin, Zi Yan, Ji Feng, Sima Yang, Zhang Heng.

Chi Ming stood before the nine people and spoke slowly. "Now, I'll..."

Chi Ming never finished speaking in the end.

Because the attention of the people present were now drawn by the whistling of the wind that sounded out high above in the air.

The whistling of the wind was extremely ear piercing, and accompanying it was a swift figure that stepped down from the air.

This was a young man, and his entire body emitted a wave of fierce and peerless aura.

"It's Saber Young Master!" In next to no time, there was someone that exclaimed in surprise.

"It's really Saber Young Master, Long Yun... He actually rushed over now." Subsequently, many people recognized him.

"Long Yun!" Duan Ling Tian's gaze shot at the person that had arrived, and his gaze was fierce.

Besides being one of the five great young masters of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, Saber Young Master; Long Yun was the foster son of the Sect Leader of the former Demonic Lotusblade Sect.

Whereas the Demonic Lotusblade Sect was one of the culprits that annihilated the Seven Star Sword Sect.

Although Long Yun wasn't present when the former Seven Star Sword Sect was annihilated, because of the relationship with Long Yun and the Sect Leader of the former Demonic Lotusblade Sect,

Duan Ling Tian didn't have the slightest good impression of him.

Whoosh!

Long Yun stepped on the sky as he descended, and he firmly descended on an empty space at the side.

After a few years since they met the last time, Long Yun was much more mature when compared to before, and his sharp eyes contained a slight feeling of experience.

In next to no time, when Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force enveloped onto Long Yun, Duan Ling Tian's face instantly went grim, and it was as if Duan Ling Tian had seen something unbelievable.

"I'm not late, right?" Long Yun looked at Chi Ming and spoke indifferently.

Chi Ming shook his head.

"Saber Young Master!" Meanwhile, Luo Zhan, Chen Shao Shuai, and Zhang Yan's gazes descended onto Long Yun.

But Long Yun seemed to not have the slightest interest towards these three people.

His sharp gaze descended onto Duan Ling Tian. "Duan Ling Tian,

I lost at your hand all those years ago. Today, I'll wash away that shame!"

Duan Ling Tian looked at Long Yun and he said indifferently, "Looks like Saber Young Master has acquired a fortuitous encounter during these past few years..."

Long Yun frowned and his heart sank.

Could it be that this Duan Ling Tian has noticed something?

"Saber Young Master!" Chai Jin's expression was unsightly to the extreme when he saw Long Yun.

He originally thought that he would be able to obtain the last position today, but the arrival of Saber Young Master caused him to feel a wave of powerlessness.

Chai Jin took a deep breath and his eyes emitted a confident lustre. "Saber Young Master is only a person ranked at the end of the five great young masters... He might not be a match for me!"

"Saber Young Master has come as well... Looks like there's no suspense towards the five positions to head towards the Darkstone Empire." Many people sighed with emotion.

"Yeah, these five positions will surely be obtained by Duan Ling Tian and these four of the five great young masters!" Many people agreed to this.

But in next to no time, the people present couldn't help but raise their heads.

Whoosh!

High above in the air, another ear piercing howl of the wind swept out.

This was a red colored figure.

The person that had arrived was fully covered in red clothes, and he stepped on the air as he descended.

The person was a handsome young man with starry eyes and sword shaped brows, and as he stood there, he was like a sharp sword with oppressive sword energy.

"Looks like I'm not late." The red clothed young man that was around the age of 27 muttered to himself.

"Who's he?"

"I don't know... I've never seen him before!"

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The people present were dumbstruck when they saw the young man that suddenly descended.

There was such a figure in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom?

A Void Prying Stage martial artist at such an age?

In terms of natural talent, his was probably only inferior to Duan Ling Tian in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

"Sword!" Chen Shao Shuai looked at the red clothed young man with eyes that emitted crazy battle intent.

He was able to discern that the red clothed young man was a sword cultivator as well.

Moreover, the attainments of the young man in Sword Force was great.

Otherwise, it would be impossible for the young man to reveal such shocking sword energy.

Whereas expressions of the experts of the older generation that were present became serious.

They'd discerned that the red clothed young man wasn't simple.

"In terms of strength, this red clothed young man is probably no inferior to the five great young masters!" Many people thought to themselves.

"Another young expert has arrived!" Chai Jin's face sank.

Whereas the expressions of Zhang Heng and the others weren't slightly as well.

After all, Duan Ling Tian and the four people of the five great young masters were already existences that were difficult to surpass to them.

Now, another young expert with shocking strength had arrived.

Moreover, in terms of natural talent and comprehension, he seemed to not be inferior to the five great young masters.

"It's you!" Right at this moment, Saber Young Master looked at the red clothed young man, and he frowned. "Martial Uncle Sword asked you to come here?"

The people present burst into an uproar when Long Yun said this.

"Saber Young Master knows him?"

"Martial Uncle Sword? Could it be that it's a member of the

Azure Forest Tri-Sect?"

"No! I've never heard of a figure in the Azure Forest Tri-Sect who uses the name Sword."

"Who exactly is he?"

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Most of the people present were unable to wrap their heads around it.

The red clothed young man looked at Long Yun and said indifferently, "Didn't Martial Uncle Saber as you to come as well? Junior Brother Long."

The way the red clothed young man addressed Sword Young Master caused the people present to be astounded.

He's the Senior Brother of Saber Young Master?

"His age is obviously younger than Saber Young Master by a few years... Why is he...?" Many people were astonished.

In next to no time, everyone noticed that the gaze of the red clothed young man descended onto Duan Ling Tian.

The originally emotionless face of the red clothed young man revealed a wisp of a rare smile as he looked at Duan Ling Tian, and it seemed as if he'd seen a friend.

"Duan Ling Tian, long time no see." The red clothed young man's eyes were filled with reminiscence.

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"Yeah, long time no see..." Duan Ling Tian recovered from his shock, and although his expression was calm, his eyes contained traces of excitement mixed within.

"Su Li, I truly never imagined that the place we meet again would be here." After a long time, Duan Ling Tian sighed faintly.

Su Li!

The red clothed young man that had appeared now was none other than the friend Duan Ling Tian was acquainted with in the Crimson Sky Kingdom.

Duan Ling Tian still remembered that when he saw Su Li for the first time, it was at the Iron Blood Army's Genius Camp's campsite.

At that time, Su Li could be said to be the strongest young genius after him.

Later on, Su Li had entered the Paladin Academy that was at the Imperial City of the Crimson Sky Kingdom with him, and they'd formed a deep friendship.

Further on after that, Su Li was forced to leave by the Grand Elder of the Su Clan, and from then on, he was never heard of

again!

Duan Ling Tian had never imagined that when he saw Su Li again, it would actually be in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial Palace.

Moreover, Su Li actually possessed a shocking cultivation now...

This was something Duan Ling Tian had never expected.

Duan Ling Tian could guess that Su Li had surely encountered a great fortuitous encounter during these past few years!

Otherwise, it would be impossible for such a great change to occur on Su Li.

"Su Li?" When they saw Duan Ling Tian was extremely familiar with this red clothed young man and both of them seemed to have a good relationship, the people present were astonished.

At the same time, he found out the name of the red clothed young man.

It turned out that this young expert was called Su Li!

"Su Li? Have all of you heard of this figure?"

"No! I've never heard of him before today."

"When did such a figure appeared in our Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom? Not only does Saber Young Master know him, even Duan Ling Tian knows him."

"Duan Ling Tian seems to be extremely familiar with him."

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The surrounding crowd of spectators whispered in discussions.

Whoosh!

Subsequently, the people present saw to their astonishment that with a raise of his hand, a gold bill with a denomination of 10,000 had appeared in Su Li's hand.

Along with the raising of Su Li's hand, the gold bill flashed out to descend towards Duan Ling Tian.

"What is this Su Li doing?" All the people present were stunned.

Why is Su Li giving Duan Ling Tian money?

"Haha..." Duan Ling Tian laughed as he received the gold bill, then put it away before sighing with emotion. "Su Li, so many

years have passed, yet I never imagined that you'd still remember."

At that time, before Su Li left under the pressure from the Grand Elder of the Su Clan, he'd once borrowed one million silver from Duan Ling Tian.

One million silver was equivalent to 10,000 gold.

Now, Su Li was precisely returning what he owed from that day.

"I naturally remember," Su Li said with a smile. There seemed to be slight excitement deep within his eyes as he said, "Duan Ling Tian, have you been well during all these years?"

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded. "What about you?"

"I'm extremely well." Su Li nodded as well before sighing. "I guessed that I might be able to encounter you in the genius competition at the Imperial Palace of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom today... As expected."

Duan Ling Tian smiled. "Your appearance has indeed slightly exceeded my expectations."

"Duan Ling Tian, this is?" Chi Ming looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked in wonder.

For a time, numerous gazes descended onto Duan Ling Tian.

Even if it was the Saber Young Master, Long Yun, he frowned as he looked at Duan Ling Tian now. "How does this Duan Ling Tian know this fellow, Su Li?"

In the eyes of Long Yun, Su Li had always been extremely arrogant.

Even if it was when facing him, Su Li had always regarded him as beneath his notice.

But before Duan Ling Tian, this cold expression Su Li seemed as if he was a different person.

"Vice Dean Chi, this is my friend, and he's from the same Kingdom as me," said Duan Ling Tian to Chi Ming.

"So that's how it is." Chi Ming came to a sudden understanding, and a bright light flashed within his eyes as he said, "I never imagined that besides the five great young masters, there was still such a genius figure in the territory of our Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom..."

"You're too kind." Su Li nodded to Chi Ming, and his face returned to his cold appearance from before.

"This Su Li is actually a genius from the same Kingdom as Duan Ling Tian?"

"Looks like many talented people are concealed within the territory of our Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom."

"Yeah, this person's natural talent feels to be not inferior to the five great young masters."

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The surrounding crowd of spectators sighed with emotion.

Of course, the expressions of many people were extremely unsightly.

These people were precisely Chai Jin and the others who were intending to compete for the final position.

However, the appearance of Long Yun and Su Li caused them to feel a wave of powerlessness in their hearts.

"Dammit!" Zhang Heng's expression was extremely gloomy. "He's actually a friend of Duan Ling Tian's... Isn't he intentionally making trouble by coming at this time? Also that Saber Young Master, he didn't come earlier or later, but just had to appear at this moment."

Originally, Zhang Heng had hope in his heart towards himself being able to obtain a position.

But after Su Li and Long Yun appeared, he knew that he was bound to not have any fate with that fifth position.

"I never imagined that Saber Young Master would hurry over in time. I presume the genius competition today ought to be slightly worth seeing."

"That Su Li as well. Amongst the group of Void Prying Stage martial artists, his age is only older than Duan Ling Tian and is younger than the rest... Most importantly, he's the Senior Brother of Saber Young Master!"

"I'm able to discern that Saber Young Master seems to be slightly afraid of this Su Li, and he's obviously afraid of Su Li's strength."

"This Su Li isn't simple!"

"I originally thought that Duan Ling Tian, Crazy Young Master, Sword Young Master, and Flame Young Master would firmly occupy four positions... Now that there's an extra two variables, Saber Young Master and Su Li, there will probably be some change in these positions."

"Only like this would it be spectacular."

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Those young geniuses of the various powers that were below the Void Prying Stage desired to see an intense battle.

To them, no matter if Saber Young Master and Su Li appeared or not, they weren't fated to obtain any of those five positions.

Now, the appearance of Saber Young Master and Su Li fitted exactly with their wishes, and it caused them to be even more delighted.

Because in this way, the genius competition today would surely be even more spectacular!

This was something they were happy to see.

"Revered Elder Chi!" Suddenly, Prince Shen took a step forward and looked at Chi Ming as he said in a low voice, "This Saber Young Master and Su Li haven't passed the threshold that is the Dragon and Phoenix Academy. I'm afraid it's improper for them to directly participate in the genius competition now, right?"

Prince Sheng's words caused Chai Jin and the others to heave a sigh of relief.

Whereas those young geniuses that wanted to watch the show frowned and were slightly worried.

They were really worried that the Imperial Family would drive Su Li and Saber Young Master out, and disallow them from participating in the genius competition.

In that way, they were undoubtedly going to be disappointed.

For a time, the gazes of everyone shot at Chi Ming.

"Chen Ci, what do you think?" Chi Ming looked at the old man by his side and asked.

This old man had come here with Chi Ming and had always been silently standing by Chi Ming's side with his eyes closed, and he didn't speak a word.

Now, when Chi Ming spoke, it caused the old man to slowly open his eyes.

The old man glanced at Prince Sheng indifferently before saying. "The Dragon and Phoenix Academy is actually only a format... The genius competition this time intends to unearth the most outstanding young geniuses in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom to fight on the road towards the Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties!"

"This is also the original intention of the genius competition! So long as the two of them have the ability to seize those five positions, then I presume even his Majesty the Emperor wouldn't say anything about it." The old man's words were spoken reasonably and justifiably, and I caused most of the people present to gasp in admiration.

Prince Sheng frowned. "Revered Elder Chi, shouldn't we ask

Imperial Brother's opinion on this matter?"

"There's no need!" At almost the instant that Prince Sheng finished speaking, a sonorous voice suddenly sounded out from the distance.

Everyone present saw that high above in the distance sky, a middle aged man in a dragon robe was controlling the air to move over here.

Behind the middle aged man in a dragon robe was an old man that followed him like a shadow, and when the old man stood there, he gave out an unfathomable aura.

"Fifth level of the Void Initiation Stage! Sixth level of the Void Initiation Stage!" Duan Ling Tian's brows raised.

His Spiritual Force had discovered the cultivation of the two people at the first possible moment.

The middle aged man in the lead who wore a dragon robe was a martial artist at the fifth level of the Void Initiation Stage.

The old man behind him was instead an existence at the sixth level of the Void Initiation Stage.

Presumably, he was one of the five great Revered Elders of the Imperial Family.

As for the middle aged man wearing a dragon robe.

"Greeting your Majesty!" The people present bowed to the middle aged in a dragon robe, and many people even groveled to the point their heads were about to touch the floor.

Only Duan Ling Tian, Su Li, and Luo Rong stood ramrod straight, and they stood out in the crowd.

"The Emperor of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom!" Duan Ling Tian sized up the middle aged man in a dragon robe before him, and a flowing light flickered within his eyes.

He was slightly curious towards the Emperor of the dignified Imperial Kingdom.

"In terms of strength, the Emperor of the Crimson Sky Kingdom is much inferior to this Emperor." Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

The Crimson Sky Kingdom's Emperor was only an ordinary Void Prying Stage martial artist.

Whereas the Emperor of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom was instead a formidable existence at the fifth level of the Void Initiation Stage.

The difference in strength between the two was like the difference between the heaven and the earth.

"Audacious!" It was at this moment that a voice that was like a thunderclap sounded out by Duan Ling Tian's ear.

It was that Prince Sheng who glared angrily at Duan Ling Tian and Su Li as he said coldly, "Duan Ling Tian, Su Li, why do you not bow in greeting when you see the Emperor? Could it be that both of you think the Emperor doesn't have the qualifications to make the two of you bow in greeting?"

Needless to say, Prince Sheng bringing such an accusation onto Duan Ling Tian and Su Li was indeed ruthless.

Duan Ling Tian frowned, then said indifferently, "Prince Sheng, his Majesty hasn't said anything, yet you're crying and yelling here. Aren't you slightly disrespecting his Majesty?"

"You!!" Prince Sheng's face sank as he shouted angrily. "Duan Ling Tian, don't change the subject!"

"I'm changing the subject?" Duan Ling Tian started laughing and was about to continue refuting him.

Right at this moment, the nearby Luo Rong spoke out. "Prince Sheng, I think Brother Ling Tian is right, his Majesty the Emperor hasn't said anything, why are you getting anxious for? Is it because you want to seek personal vengeance in the name of the Emperor?"

Because Duan Ling Tian had instructed him beforehand, Luo Rong didn't call Duan Ling Tian as Master before outsiders.

Luo Rong speaking to protect Duan Ling Tian was beyond Prince Sheng's expectations.

He was afraid and reverent towards Luo Rong.

Now he didn't dare continue.

"Guild Master Luo." The middle aged man in a dragon robe, the Emperor of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom looked at Luo Rong and lightly smiled. "Long time no see, your body is still strong as always."

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"Your Majesty, you're too kind." Luo Rong nodded casually.

Even if he was facing the Emperor, Luo Rong still remained unmoved.

Whereas the Emperor wasn't dissatisfied in the slightest.

Even if it was him, he had to be slightly afraid of the old man's status.

Subsequently, the Emperor's gaze shot at Duan Ling Tian, and he nodded with a smile to Duan Ling Tian. "Duan Ling Tian, I started paying attention to you when you defeated Saber Young Master in the Martial Competition of the five great sects all those years ago and won first place, to become well known throughout the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom."

Duan Ling Tian nodded, his face was still calm like an old well that had no ripples.

It was as if the person standing in the air before him wasn't the Emperor of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, but was instead an ordinary person.

Not only did the Emperor not become infuriated when he saw Duan Ling Tian having such a reaction, he instead nodded with satisfaction.

Neither arrogant nor humble, he's indeed extraordinary.

In next to no time, the Emperor's gaze shot onto Su Li, and he said with a light smile, "Although I've never heard of you in the past, since you're Duan Ling Tian's friend and the Senior Brother of Saber Young Master, I presume you aren't a simple figure."

"The arrival of you and Sword Young Master today has allowed the genius competition to become much more interesting... Even I was drawn over by the both of you."

Originally, as far as the Emperor was concerned, Duan Ling Tian, Crazy Young Master, Sword Young Master, and Flame Young Master would surely occupy one of the positions each.

The remaining position would instead be born from the other people.

In other words, Duan Ling Tian and the others were existences that were almost unshakeable.

So he lacked interest towards the genius competition.

But now, because of the appearance of Su Li and Saber Young Master, it was as if he'd seen the spectacular scenes that were about to occur.

Four of the five young masters, coupled with Duan Ling Tian and Su Li.

Six people competing for five positions.

Amongst the six people, every one of them were geniuses in the Martial Dao that stood at the peak of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

The competition between the six of them would surely be extremely spectacular.

Even he felt interested.

As soon as the Emperor finished speaking.

"Looks like his Majesty the Emperor wants to allow Saber Young Master and Su Li participate in the genius competition as well."

"His Majesty the Emperor is truly wise and knows how to decide on the most outstanding five."

"Looks like it's very likely that a young expert that is able to advance in the Darkstone Empire will appear in our Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom this time."

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The people present intentionally suppressed their voices as they whispered in discussion.

"Your Majesty." Right at this moment, the Supreme Elder of the Black Fiend Sect, Qiu Cheng, bowed respectfully to the Emperor.

The Emperor glanced indifferently at Qiu Cheng. "Who're you?"

Qiu Cheng said hurriedly, "Your Majesty, I'm the Supreme Elder of the Black Fiend Sect, Qiu Cheng."

"Do you need something?" The Emperor asked with a tone that contained slight impatience mixed within.

As the Emperor of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, the Emperor who controlled the strongest power, the Imperial Family.

Not to mention a second-rate sect like the Black Fiend Sect, even if it's the three great sects that have combined together, the present Azure Forest Tri-Sect.

He didn't take them seriously.

The strength of the Imperial Family stood proudly and matchlessly in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

Otherwise, it would be insufficient to rule the entire Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

In this world where the strong were respected, even if it was the Imperial Kingdom, if they wanted to rule a Kingdom, Imperial Kingdom, or even Empire or Dynasty, they had to possess sufficient strength.

Otherwise, they would have been overthrown long ago.

"Your Majesty, there are still matters to be attended to in the Black Fiend Sect, I want to bring my disciple along and leave first," said Qiu Cheng.

Obviously, now that he'd seen the appearance of Saber Young Master and Su Li, Qiu Cheng didn't place his hopes on Chai Jin any longer.

He was extremely clear of Chai Jin's strength, it was impossible for Chai Jin to compare with Duan Ling Tian, Su Li, and the four people from the five great young masters.

"Go ahead." The Emperor nodded.

To him, the Black Fiend Sect's members were not essential.

"Yes." Qiu Cheng nodded respectfully, then instructed Chai Jin to carry Sun Rui's body before hastily leaving the Imperial Palace.

His disappearing figure seemed to be solitary and in a sorry state.

The Black Fiend Sect's Chai Jin officially withdrew from the genius competition.

As soon as Chai Jin left, the remaining Void Prying Stage students were slightly uneasy.

"I'll withdraw." Ji Feng knew his own limitations and withdrew to the side.

"I'll withdraw as well." Sima Yang withdrew right after Ji Feng.

Although the two of them had broken through to the first level of the Void Prying Stage now, they didn't completely comprehend Force yet.

So they knew their limitations and withdrew.

As far as they were concerned, if they were to stay behind, it would purely be looking for a beating.

"I'll withdraw." The Little Prince of Prince Sheng's Estate, Zhang Heng, had a gloomy expression as he spoke.

For a time, besides Duan Ling Tian and the other five, only Flute Fairy remained.

Flute Fairy didn't say anything, but she instead withdrew to a

side.

She used her actions to explain everything.

She had withdrawn as well.

"Big Brother, will you return?" Flute Fairy saw that even Saber Young Master had appeared and she looked high above in the sky with slight anticipation.

But even until Chi Ming announced that the genius competition begun, she didn't see the figure of Zither Young Master.

"The genius competition today will decide the strongest five people from the six of you, and those five people will obtain the positions to head to the Darkstone Empire..." Chi Ming looked at Duan Ling Tian and the others as he spoke slowly. "This is a chance for all of you, a chance to make a name for yourselves in the Darkstone Empire! I hope that all of you won't miss this chance."

Subsequently, Chi Ming announced the rules. "Every one of the six of you will face five battles... Now, all of you can obtain your numbers via drawing lots." As Chi Ming spoke, a paper box that had a small gap had appeared in his hand.

Whereas the small gap on the paper box was only able to allow the arm of an adult to stretch through.

It was precisely a lot box.

"There's the number one to six within it... The person that draws number one can choose anyone behind his number to become his first target and undergo the first battle in the genius competition."

"Besides being unable to choose the person who holds lot number one and the person challenged by the possessor of lot number one, the person that draws number two can choose any one of the remaining three people."

"Besides being unable to choose the person who holds lot number two and the person challenged by the possessor of lot number two, the person that draws number three can choose any one of the remaining three people."

"The following sequence can be deduced from this..."

"The specific rules is that one isn't allowed to challenge the two people that have just undergone a battle and allow the two people to have some room to rest." Chi Ming slowly finished speaking.

These rules weren't complicated, and Duan Ling Tian's group of six quickly understood it clearly in their hearts.

Subsequently, it was the drawing of lots.

Duan Ling Tian drew number three.

Chen Shao Shuai drew number one.

Zhang Yan drew number two.

Long Yun drew number four.

Luo Zhan drew number five.

Su Li drew number six.

The first battle would be initiated by the possessor of the number one lot, Sword Young Master, Chen Shao Shuai.

Under numerous focused gazes, Chen Shao Shuai's gaze flashed past Duan Ling Tian and the others.

His gaze didn't stop on Duan Ling Tian and Luo Zhan, and in the end, Chen Shao Shuai chose a target.

"I challenge the possessor of lot number two, Flame Young Master!" Chen Shao Shuai's gaze descended onto Zhang Yan, and his body was filled with killing intent.

Flame Young Master, the person that was ranked number two amongst the five great young masters, and he was also the other person that was ranked above Chen Shao Shuai besides Luo Zhan amongst the four of the five great young masters that were present.

"Hmph! Sword Young Master, wanting to step on me and climb up isn't an easy thing." Zhang Yan grunted coldly.

"Whether it's an easy thing or not is something we'll only know after I try." Chen Shao Shuai glanced indifferently at Zhang Yan, and his tone was calm as he spoke.

"Since you want to invite humiliation, then I'll fulfil your wish!" Zhang Yan took a step forward as the Origin energy on his body raged, and he stood out to confront Chen Shao Shuai.

For a time, the gazes of everyone present descended onto the two of them.

Sword Young Master vs Flame Young Master.

Most of the people held their breaths.

Whoosh!

Along with his Origin Energy skyrocketed, 6,000 lifelike ancient mammoth silhouettes had condensed into form in the sky above Zhang Yan...

"Fourth level of the Void Prying Stage?" Duan Ling Tian frowned.

He still remembered that he'd once used his Spiritual Force to

detect Zhang Yan's cultivation half a month ago.

At that time, Zhang Yan was only at the third level of the Void Prying Stage.

Only half a month has passed and Zhang Yan has broken through?

Duan Ling Tian was able to notice that even if it was the Emperor, the Imperial Father of Zhang Yan, he had a surprised expression now.

Obviously, he'd just found out now that his son had broken through to the fourth level of the Void Prying Stage.

"Fourth level of the Void Prying Stage!" Luo Zhan's face went slightly serious as his heart shook. "Sword Young Master is in danger."

"Sword Young Master, I'll let you know that even if you've comprehended Half-step Advanced Sword Force, whereas I haven't comprehended Half-step Advanced Water Force, I'm still able to crush a third level Void Prying Stage martial artist like you with my cultivation that's at the fourth level of the Void Prying Stage!" Zhang Yan's words were extremely arrogant.

Obviously, he knew Chen Shao Shuai through and through.

"Third level of the Void Prying Stage?" Unexpectedly, Chen Shao

Shuai laughed instead when he heard Zhang Yan.

Whoosh!

Along with Chen Shao Shuai's laugh, the Origin Energy on his body raged.

In the sky, 6,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared similarly...

"Sword Young Master has broken through to the fourth level of the Void Prying Stage as well!" Instantly, the surrounding crowd of spectators burst into an uproar.

"This fellow..." Duan Ling Tian and Luo Zhan were slightly dazed when they saw this scene.

They never imagined that Sword Young Master had actually broken through!

"He was still at the third level of the Void Prying Stage yesterday... Could it be that he broke through overnight?" Duan Ling Tian was secretly shocked.

He still remembered that his Spiritual Force had imperceptibly flashed past Chen Shao Shuai yesterday, and he'd confirmed that Chen Shao Shuai was still a third level Void Prying Stage martial artist.

Only a night had passed and Chen Shao Shuai had already broken through to the fourth level of the Void Prying Stage, and it was shocking.

"You... You've actually broken through!" Zhang Yan had a surprised expression.

Sword Young Master's breakthrough also meant that he was unable to use Origin Energy to suppress Sword Young Master anymore.

Not only that, Sword Young Master had comprehended Half-step Advanced Sword Force since long ago.

In terms of the comprehension of Force, he was inferior to Sword Young Master.

Whoosh!

Sword Young Master didn't care about how unsightly Zhang Yan's expression was, and in the end, he took the initiative to attack first and seize the upper hand.

His figure flashed like the wind and arrived before Zhan Yan in the blink of an eye.

Swish!

His sword stabbed out as if it was assisted by the gods, and it bore down menacingly towards Zhang Yan.

"Hmph!" Zhang Yan grunted angrily, and he already had a decision in his heart.

He would use a grade five spirit weapon and defeat Sword Young Master.

As far as he was concerned, the formidable strength bestowed upon him by the grade five spirit weapon was sufficient to crush the total strength of Sword Young Master's spirit sword and Half-step Advanced Sword Force.

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Along with a spirit weapon glove that appeared out of thin air on Zhang Yan's right hand and Origin Energy raging atop it, another 2,200 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared at the side of the existing 6,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes in the sky.

Swish!

Instantly, Zhang Yan pointed out, and his origin energy condensed into a point force that shot out.

A piercing howl deafened the ear!

A strand of strange aura faintly appeared on the surroundings of the Origin Energy point force.

That was the aura of Elementary Force.

Meanwhile, another 200 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared out of thin air above Zhang Yan.

This finger contained the strength of 8,400 ancient mammoths!

Bang!

Zhang Yan's point force instantly obliterated the Origin Energy on the spirit sword in Chen Shao Shuai's hand, and a terrifying energy gushed into the spirit sword.

Instantly, the hand Chen Shao Shuai used to grasp the sword trembled as his palm split open, and fresh blood dripped down.

Even if he'd comprehended Half-step Advanced Sword Force, the spirit sword in his hand was only a grade six spirit sword after all, and it was inferior by an amplification of an entire 10% when compared with the grade five spirit weapon in on Zhang Yan's hand!

When a fourth level Void Prying Stage martial artist exploded out with his full strength, it was comparable to the strength of 6,000 ancient mammoths, and 10% of strength was equivalent to the strength of 600 ancient mammoths!

Flame Young Master relied on his grade five spirit weapon, Elementary Force, and his strength surpassed the entire strength of Sword Young Master.

Of course, all of this was because Zhan Yan had an advantage in terms of spirit weapon, otherwise, it wouldn't be Sword Young Master who lost.

"Sword Young Master, it was a good fight." Zhang Yan smiled indifferently.

As far as he was concerned, unless Chen Shao Shuai had a grade five spirit weapon as well, otherwise, it was impossible for Chen Shao Shuai to be a match for him.

Chen Shao Shuai had a gloomy expression, and although he was unwilling, he was prepared to withdraw.

Right when Duan Ling Tian intended to lend his sword to Chen Shao Shuai.

"Sword Young Master!" With a raise of his hand, a spirit sword flew out from Luo Rong's hand and flashed straight towards Chen Shao Shuai.

Chen Shao Shuai stretched his hand out to accept it, then he looked at Luo Rong with a bewildered expression. "Guild Manager Luo, this is?"

"This is a grade five spirit sword, it's my second creation since becoming a grade five Weapons Craftsman. It's yours." Luo Rong's tone was casual, and it was as if he'd given out an unimportant thing.

Grade five Weapons Craftsman?

As soon as Luo Rong said this, it caused an uproar as expected.

Besides Duan Ling Tian and Luo Zhan who knew of it since long ago, besides Su Li who was comparatively composed, the other

people all had dumbstruck expressions.

"Guild... Guild Master Luo, you're a grade five Weapons Craftsman now?" The Emperor slightly lost his composure as he asked.

Luo Rong nodded indifferently. "I broke through not long ago."

"Congratulations, Guild Master Luo!" The Emperor hurriedly congratulated when he heard Luo Rong confirm it.

"Congratulations, Guild Master Luo!" The other people followed to congratulate.

A grade five Weapons Craftsman that belonged to the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom had finally been born.

Some people emitted burning gazes as they looked at Luo Rong, and it seemed as if they wished for nothing more than to swallow Luo Rong.

They knew clearly what a grade five Weapons Craftsman meant.

So long as a grade five Weapons Craftsman was willing, he was able to refine numerous grade five spirit weapons...

"Thank you, Guild Master Luo!" Chen Shao Shuai's gaze lit up when he realized that it was a grade five spirit sword that Luo

Rong gave him, and his feelings surged.

Whereas Zhan Yan's face went gloomy.

Whoosh!

Zhang Yan's figure flashed out, seeming to transform into a bolt of lightning that shot towards Chen Shao Shuai.

Swish!

Another Origin Energy point force whistled out, and it caused a piercing howl to sound out in the air.

Zhang Yan had exerted all his strength in this point.

Obviously, Zhang Yan wanted to catch Chen Shao Shuai off guard and heavily injure him before he could react...

Only in this way would he have a chance to seize victory.

Otherwise, Sword Young Master who possessed a grade five spirit sword to rely on was absolutely not someone he was able to go against.

A wisp of worry flashed past Duan Ling Tian's eyes when he saw this scene.

"Hmph!" Practically at the instant that Zhang Yan attacked, Chen Shao Shuai snorted lightly before his figure moved instantly.

Whoosh!

His figure shot to the side.

Zhang Yan's Origin Energy point force flashed past Chen Shao Shuai's sleeve, and left behind a hole on it.

The Origin Energy point force didn't lose momentum in the slightest to fiercely smash onto the ground, and it caused the limestone bricks on the ground to shatter, shooting chips of stone whirling out.

Zhang Yan's reaction was extremely swift, and at almost the same instant that Chen Shao Shuai dodged, he pointed out once more.

Swish!

The Origin Energy point force flashed out once more, and he seemed as if he wouldn't stop until he crushed Chen Shao Shuai.

"Zhang Yan, I'll let you try the might of a grade five spirit weapon as well!" Chen Shao Shuai shouted out coldly, and the grade five spirit sword in his hand instantly swung out.

Instantly, another 2,900 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared out of thin air at the side of the existing 6,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes above him...

The strength of amplification even surpassed the strength of the amplification of Zhang Yan's grade five spirit weapon.

Coupled with the fact that he'd comprehended Half-step Advanced Sword Force.

So not to mention his strength and the amplification of his spirit weapon.

Just in terms of Force, he already surpassed Zhang Yan by the strength of 300 ancient mammoths.

Presently, coupled with the difference in amplification of their spirit weapons that was at the strength of 100 ancient mammoths.

The strength on the sword in Chen Shao Shuai's hand surpassed the strength of Chen Shao Shuai's point by an entire 400 ancient mammoths' worth of strength...

A difference of the strength of 400 ancient mammoths!

This difference was like a chasm.

The combat experience of the two were on par and the difference in their strength caused the battle to not have the slightest suspense.

Sword Young Master relied on a strength that surpassed Flame Young Master to defeat Flame Young Master.

Turning defeat into victory!

The might of the grade five spirit sword was completely visible.

"I've lost." Zhang Yan was slightly out of sorts.

The attention of the other people were instead not on the outcome of this battle.

Besides Duan Ling Tian, Luo Rong, and Luo Zhan, the gaze of everyone else including the Emperor had shot onto the grade five spirit sword in Chen Shao Shuai's hand in unison.

"Sword Young Master's grade five spirit sword seems to be able to amplify strength by 49%!" Someone suddenly shouted out in astonishment.

This voice caused everyone who was absent-minded to return to their senses.

"A grade five spirit sword that provided an amplification of 49%,

it's undoubtedly top grade spirit weapon amongst grade five spirit weapons... This grade five spirit sword was refined by Guild Master Luo?"

"Even if it's the Darkstone Empire, or even the grade five Weapons Craftsmen of the Darkhan Dynasty, they might not be able to refine a grade five spirit weapon with such formidable amplification."

"The attainments of Guild Master Luo in the Dao of Weapons Refinement is truly terrifying! He has only just become a grade five Weapons Craftsman, and he's already able to refine such an outstanding grade five spirit sword."

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Numerous burning gazes descended onto Luo Rong as expected.

This was a grade five Weapons Craftsman that was able to refine a grade five spirit weapon that provided a 49% amplification.

"Guild Master Luo..." Even if it was the Emperor of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, he'd slightly lost his composure now.

As he felt the numerous respectful gazes that came from the surroundings, Luo Rong unintentionally glanced at Duan Ling Tian, and his gaze was complicated.

Who would be able to imagine the reason he was able to become a

grade five Weapons Craftsman in such a short amount of time, and even possess great certainty of refining a grade five spirit weapon that provided an amplification of 49% was all because of this young man.

Before this young man, he felt guilty when receiving the respectful gazes from the surrounding people...

"Guild Master Luo, our He Clan wants to ask you to refine a grade five Spirit Weapon for us... In the future, so long as Guild Master Luo requires any help, our He Clan will surely not hesitate to lay down our lives if need be!"

"Our Tong Clan as well."

"Our Wu Clan as well."

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For a time, the drill ground was in a complete uproar.

For the sake of making Luo Rong help them refine a grade five spirit weapon, the various powers were willing to pay extremely great prices.

But Luo Rong completely paid no attention to all this.

As the Guild Master of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's

Weapons Craftsmen Guild, would he lack errand boys?

"Everyone!" Suddenly, Luo Rong said, "So long as all of you are able to find any one of these two medicinal materials... I'm willing to refine a grade five spirit weapon as repayment!"

Luo Rong rose his hand as he spoke, and in the sky, Luo Rong's Origin Energy formed into numerous milky white strands that weaved into two pictures in the end.

This first picture was an oval shaped leaf.

The surroundings of the leaf were lines that were extremely distinct from each other, and they were extremely alike to the wings of the Divine Beast of legend, the Phoenix.

"This is a Phoenix Wing Herb, and it's an extremely rare medicinal material." Luo Rong introduced.

Subsequently, Luo Rong introduce the second type of medicinal material. "This is Ageless Root, it seems alike to the sharp claws of the legendary Phoenix." The other picture was like a tree root that was alike to a phoenix claw.

"Guild Master Luo, you're really willing to refine a grade five spirit weapon for us as long as we find any one of these two medicinal materials?" A Patriarch of a reputed clan in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom asked with slight excitement.

"Of course, my promise is like gold." Luo Rong nodded.

Instantly, the gazes of many people present lit up.

"Guild Master Luo, I wonder what use these two medicinal materials you're looking for possess?" The Emperor asked curiously.

The others looked at Luo Rong as well.

These two medicinal materials were something that even the dignified Guild Master of the Weapons Craftsmen Guild wasn't able to find, and they were obviously unordinary items.

"I've only been entrusted by someone to do this," Luo Rong said indifferently.

Entrusted by someone?

Many people were dumbstruck when they heard Luo Rong.

Who had such great face to make the dignified Guild Master of the Weapons Craftsmen Guild not spare to use grade five spirit weapons as the price to exchange for those two medicinal materials?

Presently, even Luo Zhan had a bewildered expression as he didn't know of this matter.

At the moment, amongst the people present, only Duan Ling Tian maintained his composure and had a carefree expression.

Because it was precisely him who'd asked Luo Rong to look for the Phoenix Wing Herb and Ageless Root.

The Phoenix Wing Herb and Ageless Root were the two secondary medicinal catalysts that were required to refine the Rebirth Pill.

But Luo Rong saying this out at this place was something that had exceeded his expectations.

With a quick thought, he guessed Luo Rong's intentions.

Today, Luo Rong had made such a promise before the members of the various great powers of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom here, and it probably wouldn't be long before this matter would spread throughout the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

At that time, in the entire Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, there would be a group of people that would search madly for these two medicinal materials for the sake of obtaining a grade five spirit weapon.

"As expected, the old have more wisdom than the young." Duan Ling Tian was utterly convinced of this.

"Next, because the possessor of lot number two has been challenged, it's the turn of the possessor of lot number three." Chi Ming's voice suddenly sounded out.

The possessor of lot number two was precisely Zhang Yan, and he'd just battled Chen Shao Shuai.

It was exactly Duan Ling Tian who was the possessor of lot number three!

Duan Ling Tian stood out and became the center of attention.

"Who will Duan Ling Tian challenge?" All the people present were slightly curious.

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Duan Ling Tian stood there and became the center of attention of the entire audience.

Everyone was curious about who would Duan Ling Tian choose as his opponent.

Finally, Duan Ling Tian's gaze flashed past Su Li, Long Yun, and Luo Zhan.

"Luo Zhan!" In the end, his gaze fixed onto Luo Zhan.

"Duan Ling Tian is challenging Luo Zhan?" Many people were dumbstruck.

They never imagined that Duan Ling Tian would challenge Luo Zhan.

Especially the group of young geniuses from the Dragon and Phoenix Academy, as they knew of the relationship between Duan Ling Tian and Luo Zhan.

Luo Zhan and Duan Ling Tian were friends.

Unlike the surprise of the others, Luo Zhan wasn't surprised in the slightest.

Along with the numerous gazes moving from Luo Zhan onto Duan Ling Tian.

"I admit defeat." Luo Zhan spoke indifferently with a calm expression on his face.

It was as if admitting defeat was nothing to him.

In reality, during the genius competition this time, so long as any one of them were able to win a battle, they would be able to obtain the position to head towards the Darkstone Empire.

After all, there were only six people competing for five positions.

When they saw Luo Zhan admit defeat, it caused most of the people present to be slightly surprised.

These people were the people that thought the reason the Black Fiend Sect's Sun Rui had died at Duan Ling Tian's hand earlier was because Sun Rui had lost his mind, whereas the others that knew of Duan Ling Tian's abilities weren't surprised.

As far as they were concerned, even the sixth level Void Prying Stage Sun Rui had died at the hands of Duan Ling Tian, so it was impossible for Crazy Young Master to be a match for Duan Ling Tian.

"Since it's like this, the possessor of lot number three, Duan Ling Tian, is considered to have won this round!" Chi Ming nodded then said, "Now, the possessor of lot number four, please enter the battlefield... You may choose anyone!"

Anyone!

Chi Ming's words were extremely clear.

The possessor of lot number four was able to challenge Duan Ling Tian or Luo Zhan.

After all, the two of them didn't fight and had no consumption of strength.

The possessor of lot number four was precisely Saber Young Master, Long Yun.

Long Yun took a step out, and his gaze that was fierce like a saber almost didn't look at anyone as it shot directly at Duan Ling Tian, and he said with a grim voice, "Duan Ling Tian, you ought to return what you owe me from all those years ago!"

Duan Ling Tian smiled as he shrugged, then he said indifferently, "If you're confident, then come at me."

"Hmph! Intentionally trying to mislead others!" Long Yun's gaze went slightly cold as he took a step forward, and his imposing manner shot out like a rainbow.

At the instant he stepped out, the Origin Energy on his body rages and emitted a peerless and fierce aura...

At this moment, Long Yun seemed to have transformed into an enormous saber that was matchlessly sharp.

Whoosh!

Right at this moment, 7,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared out of thin air above Long Yun.

"Fifth level of the Void Prying Stage!" This scene caused most of the people present to have shocked expressions.

No one had imagined that Saber Young Master would have actually already broken through to the fifth level of the Void Prying Stage now.

He was the existence that was ranked at the end amongst the five great young masters.

The faces of Luo Zhan, Sword Young Master, and Flame Young Master sank.

Never had they imagined that the Saber Young Master that they squashed down beneath them had actually surpassed them now.

Especially Flame Young Master, Zhang Yan.

As the second ranked amongst the five great young master, first he was defeated by Sword Young Master who was ranked the fourth, and now he saw that Saber Young Master had revealed a cultivation at the fifth level of the Void Prying Stage.

Embarrassment arose within his heart.

"That Zither Young Master, Zi Shang, has a mysterious and unfathomable Master... His accomplishments now are surely not inferior to mine! Could it be that I'm bound to be the existence at the bottom of the five great young masters?" Zhang Yan shook his head endlessly as he was unwilling to believe that all this was real.

He was the third prince of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, a genius!

He was the person with the strongest natural talent in the younger generation of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's younger generation.

He carried the glory of the Imperial Family on his back, and he wasn't someone that anyone could step on!

Unknowingly, Zhang Yan's fists clenched together tightly, and strands of faint blue colored strong energy flickered on his body.

Suddenly, the blue colored energy trembled and a fine change

occurred on it.

It was this fine change that caused Zhang Yan to suddenly awaken, and his eyes lit up with a dazzling bright light.

"My Force has stepped into the stage of Half-step Advanced Force?" Zhang Yan's heart shook as he revealed a violently delighted expression.

But unfortunately, the attention of most of the people present were on the Saber Young Master, Long Yun.

Very few people noticed the 500 ancient mammoth silhouettes that flashed in the sky above Zhang Yan.

"Half-step Advanced Force?" Duan Ling Tian's brows raised.

His acute Spiritual Force caused him to notice the changes in Zhang Yan at the first possible.

"This Flame Young Master has some ability..." Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

As for the fact that Saber Young Master was a fifth level Void Prying Stage martial artist, he wasn't surprised by it.

Early on when Saber Young Master had just made an appearance, his Spiritual Force had already detected Saber Young Master's

cultivation.

When Duan Ling Tian saw a spirit saber suddenly appear in the hands of Saber Young Master, and Saber Young Master's Origin Energy skyrocket, causing a little over 9,600 ancient mammoth silhouettes to condense into form above him before accumulating strength while waiting to be deployed...

At practically the exact same instant, a dim light flashed into appearance in the depths of Duan Ling Tian's eyes.

His Spiritual Force fused into the soul brand that was deep within his soul.

Thousand Illusions!

Duan Ling Tian executed his soul skill at the first possible moment.

"Saber Young Master has actually broken through to the fifth level of the Void Prying Stage... Looks like Duan Ling Tian is going to suffer!"

"Yeah, unless Saber Young Master loses his mind like that Black Fiend Sect's Sun Rui... Otherwise, Duan Ling Tian will lose for sure!"

"Hmph! It was only luck that Duan Ling Tian won in the battle against Sun Rui!"

...

The surrounding crowd of spectators whispered in discussion.

Of course, there were also people that knew of Duan Ling Tian's ability and felt this battle was without suspense.

"It's truly surprising that Saber Young Master has broken through to the fifth level of the Void Prying Stage... However, he can only consider himself to be unfortunate for encountering Duan Ling Tian." Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai looked each other in the eye as they spoke via voice transmission.

"I truly never imagined that amongst our five great young masters, it actually the person that was ranked at the end that broke through to the fifth level of the Void Prying Stage first." Chen Shao Shuai had an extremely complicated gaze.

"Duan Ling Tian!" Along with Saber Young Master's explosive shout, his entire body seemed to have transformed into a gust of wind that rushed towards Duan Ling Tian in full fury.

Om!

The Origin Energy on spirit saber in his hand revolved out, transforming into a demonic lotus that had strands of fierce and peerless aura on it.

That was the aura of Force.

Right at this moment, another 500 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared in the sky above Long Yun.

Half-step Advanced Saber Force!

At almost an instant, the 500 ancient mammoth silhouettes that had just appeared fused into one with the other 9,000 over ancient mammoth silhouettes, transforming into an ancient horned dragon silhouette!

Obviously, this saber strike of Long Yun contained the strength of an ancient horned dragon!

"Half-step Advanced Saber Force!" At the instant that Long Yun attacked, the pupils of the people that saw through the stage of the Saber Force Long Yun executed couldn't help but constrict.

"Not only has this Saber Young Master's cultivation surpassed Crazy Young Master, Sword Young Master, and Flame Young Master, even the Force he has comprehended isn't inferior to them."

"I originally thought that Saber Young Master had acquired a fortuitous encounter and might have obtained something like a spirit fruit to possess his shocking cultivation, and his comprehension of Force ought to be far inferior to Crazy Young Master and the others. Now it would seem like I've underestimated

Saber Young Master."

"Saber Young Master had once lost at the hands of Duan Ling Tian many years ago. He ought to be able to wash away his shame today!"

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Many people sighed with emotion.

But in next to no time, their expressions changed.

They became dumbstruck.

At almost an instant, the pupils of everyone present had constricted.

Heavens!

What have I seen?

The saber in Long Yun's hand carried along the might to split a mountain as it descended onto Duan Ling Tian.

Right at this moment.

Whoosh!

Long Yun suddenly held his sword as he changed direction, and his figure flashed towards another side.

Om!

Origin Energy abruptly skyrocketed atop the grade six spirit saber Long Yun held in his hand, and when looked at from afar, the entire spirit saber seemed to have expanded to transform into an enormous saber.

Demonic Lotusblade Technique!

The enormous saber left his hand, transforming into an enormous lotus that flashed out to collide onto the block of stone at the side of the drill ground.

Instantly, the block of stone was directly shattered, and only stone fragments that covered the sky remained.

"This..." The people present were completely dumbstruck when they saw the scene before them, and they were at a complete loss for words.

Within their field of vision, Saber Young Master was no different than the Black Fiend Sect's Sun Rui from before, both of them had avoided Duan Ling Tian of their own accord and attacked an empty place.

"Could it be that Saber Young Master has lost his mind as well?"

"Isn't this too much of a coincidence?"

...

The surrounding spectators looked at each other and had expressions of astonishment.

Everything before their eyes caused them to feel as if they were dreaming.

Not to mention that Black Fiend Sect's Sun Rui had lost his mind, even Saber Young Master lost his mind now as well?

Was there such a coincidental thing in the world?

"I remember now!" Suddenly, a Dragon and Phoenix Academy student exclaimed in shock.

After he successfully attracted the gazes of many people, he said with a terrified expression, "According to my knowledge, Flute Fairy had once said that Duan Ling Tian knew demonic techniques one year ago... At that time, it was as if Flute Fairy was lost within Duan Ling Tian's demonic technique and was unable to free herself from it."

"But, at that time, all of us thought that Flute Fairy was working

together with Duan Ling Tian to put on an act, and we didn't take it seriously. Now that I think of this, perhaps all of these have connected greatly."

As soon as this person finished speaking, it aroused the same feelings in the numerous students from the Dragon and Phoenix Academy.

"I remember it now as well... Demonic technique! Duan Ling Tian has surely utilized his demonic technique!"

"This demonic technique is too terrifying! Even if it was Sun Rui, an existence at the sixth level of the Void Prying Stage, he was actually unable to escape from being affected by it."

"Even a sixth level Void Prying Stage martial artist was affect by Duan Ling Tian. Saber Young Master is only at the fifth level of the Void Prying Stage, so he's naturally unable to escape it!"

...

Under the focused gazes of everyone present, Duan Ling Tian walked out in large strides and easily stood behind Long Yun.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian casually swung his entire arm.

Whoosh!

His arm smashed out, and he only used less than half his strength to fiercely blast flying Sword Young Master, who was completely unguarded.

Subsequently, Long Yun fell to the ground in a sorry state, and his face was covered in dust and dirt.

Meanwhile, he returned to his senses, and his face had an expression of shock when he saw Duan Ling Tian standing completely unharmed before him.

Chapter 557: Su Li's Strength

"No... Impossible... Duan Ling Tian, You... Weren't you heavily injured by me and lost the strength to continue fighting?"

"You... How can you be fine?!" Everything before his eyes caused Long Yun to be in disbelief, and his expression was unsightly to the extreme.

Now, he even suspected that he was dreaming.

Duan Ling Tian had a calm expression as he looked at Long Yun and said indifferently, "Saber Young Master, we haven't seen each other for many years, yet you've only improved this little?"

Duan Ling Tian's words infuriated Long Yun.

"Duan Ling Tian, let me see how you withstand a strike of mine again!" Because Duan Ling Tian had held back, Long Yun wasn't injured, and he stood up again and seemed to have transformed into a demon beast as he pounced towards Duan Ling Tian once again.

Thousand Illusion!

Duan Ling Tian had a calm expression as a dim light flickered deep within his eyes.

He once again constructed an illusory space and enveloped Long Yun within it.

Long Yun was lost within it once again.

Bang!

Duan Ling Tian smashed out with his arm once more, using a greater force this time to cause Long Yun to temporarily lose the strength to continue fighting.

Long Yun lay on the ground and struggled for some time before barely being able to stand up, and when he looked at Duan Ling Tian once more, his gaze contained slight fear within it.

"Duan Ling Tian, you... What exactly did you do?" Long Yun's voice contained traces of trembling mixed within.

When he recalled the scenes that occurred repeatedly earlier, he had the feeling as if something impossible had happened.

If it wasn't for that, how could he be completely controlled by Duan Ling Tian?

Earlier, he'd clearly already heavily injured Duan Ling Tian twice in succession and caused Duan Ling Tian to lose the ability to continue fighting; yet when he returned to his senses, he instead noticed that Duan Ling Tian wasn't harmed in the slightest.

This was difficult to accept for him.

"Long Yun, you should feel lucky that you weren't amongst the Azure Forest Tri-Sect members when they annihilated my Seven Star Sword Sect. Otherwise, you'd have died for sure today!" Duan Ling Tian stared at Long Yun as a frightfully cold light flickered within his eyes.

This caused Long Yun to feel a chill run down his spine and feel a wave of nervousness.

"Duan Ling Tian's demonic technique is too terrifying!"

"Yeah, it's simply impossible to guard against!"

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The surrounding crowd of spectators had all revealed expressions of fear.

"Demonic technique? Interesting." The Emperor revealed a slight smile.

"If Duan Ling Tian doesn't die, then he'll surely be a great disaster for my Prince Sheng's Estate!" The depths of Prince Sheng's gaze was filled with extreme killing intent.

Zhang Heng who stood by Prince Sheng's side gnashed his teeth. "Why is Duan Ling Tian so strong? The heavens are unfair!"

A young man that was even younger than him possessing such ability had caused his heart to be filled with envy.

Why is the person that possesses this ability Duan Ling Tian, and not me?

He envied! He hated!

"Duan Ling Tian..." Su Li looked silently at Duan Ling Tian, and the corners of his mouth curled into a slight smile.

As Duan Ling Tian's friend, he felt happy for Duan Ling Tian when he saw Duan Ling Tian possessing his current accomplishments.

"Vice Dean Chi!" Duan Ling Tian looked at Chi Ming.

"Duan Ling Tian is victorious in this round! The possessor of lot number five, enter the battlefield for the next round." Chi Ming announced.

The possessor of lot number five, Luo Zhan, entered into the battlefield.

"Crazy Young Master has entered the battlefield!"

"I wonder who he'll choose?"

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The surrounding crowd of spectators looked curiously at Luo Zhan.

Luo Zhan's gaze swept past Chen Shao Shuai, Zhang Yan, and Su Li.

In the end, his gaze locked onto Su Li.

"Su Li!" Luo Zhan's eyes were filled with battle intent.

Su Li was a figure that wasn't well-known.

Before today, he even didn't know that such a figure existed in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

However, the sword energy that was unintentionally emitted from Su Li's body had instead allowed him to realize that Su Li wasn't simple.

At least, Su Li wasn't weaker than Sword Young Master and Flame Young Master.

Su Li walked out with large strides, and he stood in confrontation with Luo Zhan before nodding indifferently, and his expression was still cold.

"This fellow..." Duan Ling Tian shook his head and smiled when he saw this scene.

Su Li was still fond of acting cool like before.

At this moment, he felt as if he'd returned to a few years back, to the days when he was in the Crimson Sky Kingdom's Paladin Academy.

"I truly never imagined that after Su Li left that day, it would actually cause him to obtain this shocking cultivation of his!" Duan Ling Tian sighed in his heart.

Meanwhile, on the drill grounds, Luo Zhan had already made a move.

His strength at the fourth level of the Void Prying Stage fully exploded out, and his Half-step Advanced Fire Force followed out like a shadow.

Besides that, was his grade five spirit spear.

Whoosh!

Luo Zhan struck out with his spear like a wyrm leaving its cave, striking to the point that the airflow transformed into ripples that undulated and swept out.

This strike flashed straight towards Su Li!

In the sky, the energy of heaven and earth roiled.

In the end, it condensed into over 9,400 ancient mammoth silhouettes that dashed out behind him.

However, Su Li didn't have the slightest reaction when facing Luo Zhan's spear strike that approached menacingly.

He stood on the spot and didn't move like a mountain.

"Has this Su Li become stunned from fear?" Right when thoughts like this emerged in the hearts of many people.

Luo Zhan's spear strike was about to descend onto Su Li.

It was at this moment that Su Li moved.

Whoosh!

Su Li suddenly raised his hand, then two of his fingers pressed together, forming a finger sword with Origin Energy that raged on

it.

Su Li's Origin Energy was dense and vast.

Along with the Origin Energy on Su Li's finger sword condensing into a three foot long blade, 8,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared in the sky above him.

"Sixth level of the Void Prying Stage!" Instantly, besides Duan Ling Tian and Long Yun who had expressions that remained unchanged, the expression of everyone else changed into an expression of shock.

Su Li's age looked to be around 27, yet his cultivation was at the sixth level of the Void Prying Stage?

This natural talent simply completely obliterated the five great young masters of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

Swish!

As his hand raised, the three foot long blade on his finger sword that was condensed from Origin Energy had shot out violently.

At the same time, strands of a strange aura that was extremely sharp leaped about on the three foot long blade.

At the instant this aura appeared, it caused the airflow in the sky

to tremble.

In the sky, another 2,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared at the side of the existing 8,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes...

"Advanced... Advanced Sword Force!" This time, even Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but be shocked.

He's detected Su Li's cultivation with his Spiritual Force since long ago, but he had no knowledge of the Force that Su Li had comprehended before this moment.

He never imagined that when he saw Su Li once again after many years, not only was Su Li a sixth level Void Prying Stage martial artist, he'd even comprehended Advanced Sword Force.

Swish!

After the sword on Su Li's hand that was condensed from Origin Energy had the Advanced Sword Force, it contained the strength of an ancient horned dragon, and it completely crushed the strength contained on Luo Zhan's grade five spirit spear.

Bang!

When the sword in Su Li's hand touched the grade five spirit spear in Luo Zhan's hand, it easily blasted Luo Zhan back and caused him to be injured.

The scene was deathly silent.

Luo Zhan looked at the grade five spirit spear in his hand with a stiff expression, and his face was covered in a bitter expression.

He never imagined that the outcome from the first time he used the grade five spirit spear his grandfather refined would be like this.

Of course, he knew that this was a fact that couldn't be changed.

Even if he possessed a grade four spirit weapon or grade three spirit weapon, he might not be a match for Su Li.

Su Li didn't use a spirit weapon, yet his strength was sufficient to exert the strength of an ancient horned dragon by only relying on his Origin Energy and Advanced Sword Force.

If he were to utilize a spirit weapon, Su Li's strength would undoubtedly be even more terrifying!

In terms of strength, Su Li far surpassed him.

"It was a good fight." Su Li nodded to Luo Zhan before withdrawing.

Presently, practically all the gazes from the people present had

descended onto Su Li.

They never imagined that this young man that wasn't well-known would actually possess such a terrifying strength.

"This Su Li's natural talent is simply close to being comparable to Duan Ling Tian!"

"As expected, birds of a feather flock together... Not only is this Su Li a friend of Duan Ling Tian's, he's a freak just like Duan Ling Tian!"

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A wave of discussion sounded out in the surrounding crowd of spectators.

"Su Li, I never expected that you've actually comprehended Advanced Sword Force... Congratulations." Duan Ling Tian smiled as he looked at Su Li.

Su Li replied with a smile, and his eyes emitted battle intent. "Duan Ling Tian, I wasn't a match for you many years ago... But, the current me is already not the past me any longer!"

Although Su Li didn't say it, yet his words revealed the intention to challenge Duan Ling Tian.

"Su Li, you might not be a match for me," Duan Ling Tian said with a smile.

As far as he was concerned, with his Spiritual Force at the sixth level of the Void Prying Stage now, once he executed his soul skill, Thousand Illusions, Su Li would surely be affected.

After all, Su Li wasn't an Inscription Master.

"We'll only know after trying." Su Li smiled confidently.

The friends from a long time ago were now standing on the same stage now, and they were standing in opposition with each other.

"I'll wait and see." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

The first round had ended.

After resting for a short moment, the second round began.

Chi Ming looked towards Sword Young Master, Chen Shao Shuai, and he continued. "Now, it's the turn of the possessor of lot number one to issue a challenge! You can challenge anyone."

Chen Shao Shuai walked into the battlefield with large strides, and his gaze shot directly onto Luo Zhan.

"Luo Zhan!" Chen Shao Shuai's eyes revealed raging battle intent.

Before last night, he hadn't broken through to the fourth level of the Void Prying Stage, and he felt that he wasn't a match for Luo Zhan.

Now, he who had broken through to the fourth level of the Void Prying Stage had the confidence to fight Luo Zhan.

Of course, he only had confidence.

The battle between Sword Young Master and Crazy Young Master was undoubtedly an extremely spectacular battle of two evenly matched opponents.

The both of them were similarly one of the five great young masters, and both of them were martial artists at the fourth level of the Void Prying Stage that had comprehended Half-step Advanced Force.

Furthermore, their combat experience was almost equal.

In the end, it was Crazy Young Master, Luo Zhan, who'd relied on the advantage of his Half-step Advanced Fire Force that belonged to the ranks of Forces of nature, and he barely won against Chen Shao Shuai.

"Luo Zhan, I'll surely defeat you after I comprehend Advanced Sword Force!" Although Chen Shao Shuai lost at the hands of Luo

Zhan, yet he wasn't discouraged, and he instead spoke out confidently.

Luo Zhan nodded when he heard this, and he felt slight pressure in his heart.

As a sword cultivator, Chen Shao Shuai was extremely devoted to the sword.

In the past, the speed of Chen Shao Shuai's comprehension of Sword Force had far surpassed the speed Luo Zhan comprehended Fire Force.

It was very likely that Chen Shao Shuai would comprehend Advanced Force before him.

At that time, unless he'd comprehended Advanced Fire Force as well, it would be impossible for him to be a match for Chen Shao Shuai.

"Possessor of lot number two." After Luo Zhan obtained victory, Chi Ming looked towards Flame Young Master.

Zhang Yan entered the battlefield.

Right at this moment, a wave of whispered discussion caused Zhang Yan's expression to turn livid, and it was extremely unsightly.

"This Flame Young Master is undoubtedly the existence at the bottom amongst them... Yet he still dares to enter the battlefield now and isn't afraid of losing face."

"Exactly! What Third Prince? He has truly lost face for the Imperial Family!"

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Chapter 558: Flame Young Master Vs Crazy Young Master

Flame Young Master, Zhang Yan, the third prince of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, and an existence that was ranked as the second amongst the five great young masters.

In the past, he obtained a myriad of honor, yet now, he'd become the target of ridicule for others.

"Imperial Father..." In next to no time, Zhang Yan noticed that his Imperial Father, the Emperor of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, seemed as if no feelings were aroused in him as he heard the words of ridicule directed at Zhang Yan.

The Emperor had a calm expression that was neither happy nor enraged.

"Could it be that Imperial Father thinks I'm inferior to them as well? He looks down on me as well?" Zhang Yan's heart shook as the corners of his mouth were filled with a bitter smile.

Before long, Zhang Yan's gaze became firm.

"The current me is already not like I was before!" Zhang Yan's back was ramrod straight, his gaze like a bolt of lightning, and his entire body was brimming with energy.

Under the gazes of everyone present, Zhang Yan's gaze focused onto the violet clothed youth in the distance. "Duan Ling Tian!"

"Duan Ling Tian? This Zhang Yan wants to challenge Duan Ling Tian?"

"Has he gone mad? Even Saber Young Master, an existence at the fifth level of the Void Prying Stage lost at the hands of Duan Ling Tian... He actually dares challenge Duan Ling Tian?"

"Hmph! Courting death."

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No one looked favorably upon Zhang Yan.

Zhang Yan wasn't shaken by the wave of ridicule coming from the surroundings, and his gaze was extremely firm.

He chose to challenge Duan Ling Tian after careful consideration.

Presently, the opponents he was able to choose were only Duan Ling Tian, Su Li, and Long Yun.

Amongst the other two people, because he'd lost at the hands of Sword Young Master earlier, he was unable to challenge Sword Young Master again.

As for Crazy Young Master, he'd just fought a battle with Sword Young Master, so he couldn't be challenged in this round.

So, only three choices remained, and amongst these three choices, he was most unwilling to face Su Li.

This red clothed young man with a mysterious background was completely unknown of before today...

But the strength that Su Li revealed earlier instead caused one to be extremely shocked!

Not to mention Su Li's cultivation was at the sixth level of the Void Prying Stage, he'd also comprehended Advanced Sword Force!

Next, he was unwilling to face Saber Young Master, Long Yun, this figure that was ranked at the bottom amongst the five great young masters.

In the past, he'd always looked down upon Long Yun, and had never imagined that there would be a day that Long Yun would surpass him.

But when Long Yun fought Duan Ling Tian earlier, the fifth level Void Prying Stage cultivation that Long Yun revealed and the Half-step Advanced Saber Force caused him to realize that the strength of this Saber Young Master had already completely surpassed him.

The current Long Yun wasn't someone he could go against.

Even if he'd comprehended Half-step Advanced Force, it was still impossible.

So he chose Duan Ling Tian.

Although Duan Ling Tian had killed the Black Fiend Sect's Sun Rui who was a sixth level Void Prying Stage martial artist earlier and defeated the fifth level Void Prying Stage Saber Young Master.

But during this process, Duan Ling Tian didn't use his own strength to defeat them, but had instead relied on that bizarre demonic technique.

"Demonic technique... Let me see if Duan Ling Tian's demonic technique is able to affect me!" Bright lights flickered within Zhang Yan's eyes.

He chose Duan Ling Tian precisely because he had the mentality that a fluke might happen.

He felt that Duan Ling Tian's demonic technique might not be able to affect him.

As far as he was concerned, he would surely lose if he went against Su Li and Long Yun, and he would perhaps have a trace of hope if he went against Duan Ling Tian.

Although the hope wasn't great, but it was better than nothing.

Whoosh!

Duan Ling Tian stepped out with a calm expression to confront Zhang Yan.

Zhang Yan challenging him had exceeded his expectations, but with a quick thought, he guessed Zhang Yan's thoughts.

"Duan Ling Tian, let me see if your demonic technique is really so bizarre!" Zhang Yan shouted out with a grim voice, then his figure roiled like the wind as he flashed straight towards Duan Ling Tian.

In the sky, 6,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes dashed out behind him with an imposing manner that shot up into the sky like a rainbow.

"Since you want to experiences it, then I'll fulfil your wish." Duan Ling Tian's eyes flashed as a dim light flashed into appearance in the depths of his eyes.

Thousand Illusions!

At this instant, Duan Ling Tian had utilized his soul skill once more.

Whirlwind!

At the same time, he stomped on the ground and dodged to the side.

Under the gazes of every present, Zhang Yan pounced onto the place Duan Ling Tian stood at earlier and caused a wave of piercingly cold howls of the wind.

But, Duan Ling Tian had already left that place long ago.

"Duan Ling Tian, die!" Zhang Yan shouted out explosively as he pointed out with his finger, and an Origin Energy finger force shot out.

Surrounding the Origin Energy finger force was strands of blue color energy twined around, and it was precisely the Half-step Advanced Water Force Zhang Yan had comprehended not too long ago.

The people present were all extremely shocked when they saw the 500 ancient mammoth silhouettes that appeared above Zhang Yan at the side of the existing ancient mammoth silhouettes that had already been amplified by the grade five spirit weapon.

"Flame Young Master has actually comprehended Half-step Advanced Water Force?"

"When he fought Sword Young Master earlier, he only executed

Elementary Water Force... What's going on?"

"Looks like Flame Young Master has just comprehended Half-step Advanced Water Force!"

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In next to no time every saw that even though Zhang Yan had comprehended Half-step Advanced Water Force, he was like a headless fly before Duan Ling Tian, and he blasted around in disorder.

He was unable to touch Duan Ling Tian in the slightest.

"Demonic technique!" The pupils of most people couldn't help but constrict.

"It's about time to end it." Duan Ling Tian's gaze was cold and indifferent as his figure swayed like the wind and arrived behind Zhang Yan in the blink of an eye.

Whoosh!

He swung out his arm that was like a raging python that had swung out its tail, and it approached Zhang Yan with great force.

Bang!

Duan Ling Tian's arm smashed onto Zhang Yan's back, blasting Zhang Yan flying.

Zhang Yan fell onto the ground in a sorry state, and his face was covered with dust and dirt.

When he returned to his senses and saw Duan Ling Tian who was completely unharmed, his face went gloomy. "No... Impossible... It's impossible!"

Now, Zhang Yan was able to understand the feelings of Sun Rui and Long Yun.

Earlier, he'd obviously heavily injured Duan Ling Tian.

But in the blink of an eye, after the enormous force that came from behind had blasted him flying, he noticed that everything from before was fake.

It was all a dream!

"The possessor of lot number three, Duan Ling Tian, is victorious!" Chi Ming announced.

"Where did Duan Ling Tian learn this demonic technique? It's truly shocking!"

"Yeah, if I knew Duan Ling Tian's demonic technique, then

wouldn't I be able to walk around unhindered?"

"Duan Ling Tian's demonic technique ought to have a restriction... Otherwise, he'd probably have slaughtered his way to the Azure Forest Tri-Sect and taken revenge for the Seven Star Sword Sect long ago."

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The surrounding crowd of spectators discussed animatedly.

"Squeak squeak~" Suddenly, the little gold mouse who slept on Duan Ling Tian's shoulder had awoken, and she sized up the surroundings with interest.

In next to no time, it was the turn of the possessor of lot number four to issue a challenge.

The possessor of lot number four was Long Yun.

Long Yun's gaze locked onto Chen Shao Shuai. "Sword Young Master!"

"I admit defeat." When he saw Long Yun challenge him, Chen Shao Shuai wasn't surprised in the slightest, and he shrugged as he spoke indifferently.

Perhaps, the past Long Yun wasn't a match for him, but the

current Long Yun had already surpassed him.

He knew his own limitations.

"Lot number five." Chi Ming spoke out and Luo Zhan entered the battlefield.

Luo Zhan had already fought Chen Shao Shuai, and he'd admitted defeat before Duan Ling Tian earlier.

So, he only had three people to choose from.

Luo Zhan's gaze flashed past Long Yun and Su Li, and in the end, it locked onto Zhang Yan. "Flame Young Master!"

The gloominess on Zhang Yan's face was completely swept away when he was challenged by Luo Zhan, and he walked out with large strides.

He knew that this battle was the chance for him to prove himself.

Zhang Yan looked at Luo Zhan with surging battle intent in his eyes, and he shouted out with a grim voice. "Luo Zhan, I'll defeat you!"

"That would depend on if you have the ability." Luo Zhan's expression was slightly heavy, yet he wasn't courteous in the slightest with his speech.

After he knew that Zhang Yan had comprehended Half-step Advanced Water Force, he more or less had slight fear towards Zhang Yan.

Since ancient times, water countered fire, and this was an iron law.

If it was Elementary Water Force, his Half-step Advanced Water Force would be unafraid.

But a Half-step Advanced Water Force just happened to be his counter.

"Fortunately, grandfather refined a grade five spirit spear for me, and its amplification surpasses the grade five spirit weapon in Zhang Yan's possession... Otherwise, I might not be a match for Zhang Yan!" Luo Zhan thought in his heart, and he felt slightly lucky.

Between him and Zhang Yan.

In terms of age, there was almost no difference between the two of them.

In terms of battle experience, they were on par.

In terms of cultivation, they were the same.

In terms of Force, because water countered fire, Luo Zhan was slightly inferior.

In terms of spirit weapon, Luo Zhan had an advantage.

"As you wish!" Zhang Yan shouted out explosively, then his figure swayed like the wind as the howls of the wind sounded out.

Luo Zhan's eyes squinted as the Origin Energy on his legs rages, and he moved as well.

"Luo Zhan, do you dare take a finger strike from me?" Accompanying Zhang Yan's figure that swayed like the wind was his voice that suddenly sounded out, and it contained extremely great confidence mixed within.

"Why wouldn't I?" Luo Zhan stopped moving, the spirit spear in his hand exceedingly straight, and Origin Energy that seemed to have transformed into numerous milky white little snakes flowed on it.

Surrounding the bodies of this little snakes was strands of fiery red energy, and the energy was ceaselessly leaping about and surging.

Half-step Advanced Fire Force!

Right at this moment, Zhang Yan's figure moved to charge towards Luo Zhan, and he pointed out his finger.

Swish!

The finger force that was condensed from Origin Energy tore through the sky, and it carried along strands of raging blue colored energy as it pointed towards Luo Zhan.

"Bring it on!" Luo Zhan shouted out as the spirit spear in his hand abruptly pierced out, and it accurately intercepted the Origin Energy point force of Zhang Yan.

Whoosh!

This spirit spear shot out, seeming like a wyrm that had left its cave, and its imposing might shout into the sky like a rainbow.

Bang!

The spirit spear fiercely smashed onto the Origin Energy point force, and it shattered the Origin Energy Point Force. Whereas the Origin Energy and Half-step Advanced Fire Force on the spirit spear was completely consumed because of this as well.

The hand Luo Zhan held the spear with shook as his body trembled, and he took three steps back, whereas Zhang Yan wasn't alright as well.

He took three steps back successively, and his face flushed slightly rosy.

"Again!" Zhang Yan's gaze abruptly went cold as his body flashed out.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

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Numerous Origin Energy finger forces that were extremely swift seemed like the sharp spike on the back of a hedgehog as they swept towards Luo Zhan.

Luo Zhan stood with his spear held horizontally, and he was like an undefeatable war god.

When faced with the numerous point forces from Zhang Yan, Luo Zhan made his move.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

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Every time the spear in Luo Zhan's hand flashed out, it was as if it was assisted by the gods, and it would accurately intercept the numerous finger forces of Zhang Yan.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

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The ear piercing sounds of Origin Energy blasting together sounded out endlessly.

After a short while, Luo Zhan and Zhang Yan had fought over 100 moves, yet they were equally matched!

"After Zhang Yan comprehended Half-step Advanced Water Force, he's actually able to fight Luo Zhan to a tie." Duan Ling Tian was slightly surprised.

Chapter 559: Sword Young Master's Conditions

Not only was Duan Ling Tian surprised, the other people were surprised as well.

"I truly never imagined that Flame Young Master had comprehended Half-step Advanced Water Force all of a sudden, and is even able to battle Crazy Young Master equally!"

"If Flame Young Master fought Sword Young Master now, then he might not lose!"

"Yeah, the Force Flame Young Master has comprehended is a Force of nature, and besides being able to improve offensive power, it's also able to improve speed, whereas Sword Young Master's Sword Force is only able to improve offensive power."

"The former's Force possesses both speed and offensive ability, whereas the Force of the latter is only able to improve offensive ability."

"With Flame Young Master's speed now after his Half-step Advanced Water Force fused into his Origin Energy, it's sufficient to place him in an invincible position against Sword Young Master!"

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Those people that ridiculed Zhang Yan earlier had now turned it around and praised Zhang Yan.

After a short moment, Zhang Yan and Luo Zhan had fought another few tens of moves, yet the outcome was still unable to be decided.

In the end, Chi Ming said, "If this goes on, then even if the both of you are exhausted, it would be difficult for the both of you to decide on the victor of the battle... This battle was be considered to be a tie."

A tie?

Luo Zhan and Zhang Yan frowned, yet although they were unwilling, they knew that this was the best outcome.

Neither of them had any objections.

"Lot number six!" Subsequently, Chi Ming looked at Su Li.

Su Li was the possessor of lot number six.

After Su Li entered the battlefield, his gaze shot at Chen Shao Shuai. "Sword Young Master!"

"I admit defeat." Chen Shao Shuai had a complicated gaze as he spoke directly.

When Su Li has just shown himself, Chen Shao Shuai still had the thought of competing with Su Li in his heart.

But after he witnessed Su Li's true strength, he'd completely lost any thoughts to fight Su Li.

Sixth level of the Void Prying Stage.

Advanced Sword Force.

No matter which accomplishment it was, it was something that was difficult for him to reach.

Su Li's strength had exceeded his expectations.

"Perhaps only Duan Ling Tian might be able to defeat this Su Li by using his demonic technique." Chen Shao Shuai thought in his heart and looked at Duan Ling Tian.

As far as he was concerned, even though Su Li was an existence at the sixth level of the Void Prying Stage, but it ought to be difficult for him withstand Duan Ling Tian's demonic technique.

After all, that Black Fiend Sect's Sun Rui was an existence at the sixth level of the Void Prying Stage as well, yet he'd fallen under Duan Ling Tian's demonic technique.

Duan Ling Tian's demonic technique was unfathomable and impossible to defend against.

The second round came to an end.

Next, it was the third round.

The possessor of lot number one, Chen Shao Shuai, had defeated Zhang Yan, lost to Luo Zhan, and admitted defeat before Long Yun and Su Li.

Now, he could only challenge Duan Ling Tian.

"Duan Ling Tian!" Chen Shao Shuai glanced at Duan Ling Tian, then he looked at Chi Ming. "Vice Dean Chi, I'm not a match for Duan Ling Tian... I admit defeat."

Chi Ming nodded and then he announced. "The possessor of lot number one, Chen Shao Shuai, has obtained one of the five positions!"

The genius competition today was mainly for the sake of deciding on five people from the six of them.

The rule was that so long as they obtained a single victory, they would be able to obtain one of the five positions.

Chen Shao Shuai had once defeat Zhang Yan, so he'd obtained a

victory.

"Lot number two!" Subsequently, Chi Ming's gaze descended onto Zhang Yan, whereas Zhang Yan was only able to choose Long Yun and Su Li.

He chose Long Yun, and then admitted defeat.

After that, it was the turn of the possessor of lot number three, Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian's current combat results were:

Sword Young Master, admitted defeat.

Crazy Young Master, admitted defeat.

Flame Young Master, defeated.

Saber Young Master, defeated.

So, Duan Ling Tian only had one remaining choice....

Su Li!

Whoosh!

Before Duan Ling Tian spoke out, Su Li took a stride forward and stood out.

His gaze descended onto Duan Ling Tian, and the corners of his mouth curled into a rare wisp of a smile. "Duan Ling Tian, let me have a good battle with you today!"

"Su Li, you might not be a match for me," Duan Ling Tian said with a smile.

As far as he was concerned, since Su Li wasn't an Inscription Master, Su Li would surely be unable to withstand the soul skill, Thousand Illusions, that he executed with his Spiritual Force that was at the sixth level of the Void Prying Stage.

"I precisely want to experience your ability." Strong battle intent arose in Su Li's eyes as he spoke slowly.

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

Instantly, a dim light flickered deep within his eyes.

Thousand Illusion!

Instantly, Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force fused into his soul brand, and he executed his soul skill.

An illusory space that was constructed out of thin air enveloped Su Li within it.

Whoosh!

Right at this moment, along with a sword appeared in Su Li's hand, Origin Energy raged and surged on his body.

At the same time, strands of peerlessly sharp aura that was fierce suffused the sword in his hand...

Advanced Sword Force!

At this moment, Su Li's entire body seemed as if it had fused into one with the sword in his hand, and the Advanced Sword Force on his body shot into the sky!

Right at the instant Su Li took a step forward and was intending to attack.

Duan Ling Tian's expression abruptly went absent-minded.

Because, he'd noticed that the illusory space had actually shattered...

"It has shattered?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned.

Duan Ling Tian had a stunned expression when he saw the illusory space vanish without a trace.

Thousand Illusion!

Thousand Illusion!

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Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian tried a few more times, and the illusory space was still obliterated in succession in the end.

Of course, the successive failures allowed him to find the reason for this.

"Advanced Force is actually able to counter my illusion space..."
Duan Ling Tian gasped to himself.

This was a great discovery.

"My Spiritual Force isn't strong enough and is unable to go against the Advanced Force... Perhaps, only after my Spiritual Force advances a step further would it be able to withstand this Advanced Force!

"Looks like my soul skill, Thousand Illusions, is not only unable to deal with sixth level Void Prying Stage Inscription Masters, and is similarly unable to deal with sixth level Void Prying Stage

martial artists that have comprehended Advanced Force!" Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

"Duan Ling Tian?" Su Li saw that Duan Ling Tian was slightly absent-minded, and he spoke out in reminder.

He wasn't willing to win because of Duan Ling Tian's absent-mindedness.

Duan Ling Tian returned to his senses when he heard Su Li's voice, then he smiled lightly. "I admit defeat."

After he finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian directly withdrew from the battlefield under the numerous gazes of disbelief.

"Duan Ling Tian has admitted defeat?"

"Why did he admit defeat? After all, even if it was the Black Fiend Sect's Elder Sun Rui, an existence at the sixth level of the Void Prying Stage, he was still killed by Duan Ling Tian's demonic technique!"

"A sixth level Void Prying Stage martial artist ought to be unable to escape from Duan Ling Tian's demonic technique!"

"Looks like Duan Ling Tian admitted defeat willingly."

"It ought to be so."

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The surrounding crowd of spectators thought that Duan Ling Tian had admitted defeat willingly.

After all, everyone present knew that Duan Ling Tian and Su Li were friends, moreover, they were friends with a deep relationship.

"Duan Ling Tian." Su Li frowned as he thought that Duan Ling Tian intentionally let him win.

"Su Li, don't listen to their nonsense... If I had the confidence, it would be impossible for me to not fight you! I indeed don't have the slightest confidence today." Duan Ling Tian looked at Su Li and shook his head as he spoke via voice transmission.

"But, I might be inferior to you today, but in the future, you might not be a match for me!" Bright lights shot out from Duan Ling Tian's eyes.

As far as he was concerned, so long as his Spiritual Force advanced a step further, the illusory space he created would surely be able to withstand the Advanced Force.

"I anticipate it extremely." Su Li nodded and smiled when he heard Duan Ling Tian, and his eyes were filled with battle intent.

Along with Duan Ling Tian admitted defeat, the outcome of the genius competition came out quickly.

Su Li won five battles and was ranked first.

Duan Ling Tian won four battles and lost one battle, and was ranked second.

Long Yun won three battles and lost two battles, and was ranked third.

Luo Zhan won one battle, tied one battle, and lost three battles, and was ranked fourth.

Chen Shao Shuai won one battle and lost four battles, and was ranked fifth.

Zhang Yan tied one battle and lost four battles, and was ranked sixth.

"Imperial Father!" Zhang Yan was extremely unsatisfied with this outcome, and he looked at the Emperor and said, "I want to fight another battle with Chen Shao Shuai... The reason I lost to him earlier was because I still hadn't comprehended Half-step Advanced Water Force!"

"What you mean is you can defeat him now?" The Emperor glanced indifferently at Zhang Yan as he asked.

"Yes!" Zhang Yan had a confident expression.

The Emperor's gaze descended onto Chen Shao Shuai. "Sword Young Master, according to the rules of the genius competition, his request doesn't conform with the rules... Are you willing to agree to this request of his? It's alright if you're unwilling."

For a time, the gazes of everyone present descended onto Sword Young Master.

Most people felt that Sword Young Master wouldn't agree to this unreasonable request.

Only Duan Ling Tian saw Chen Shao Shuai who was deep in thought, and Duan Ling Tian seemed as if he thought of something.

"I agree!" In the end, Chen Shao Shuai nodded.

"He agreed?"

Instantly, the surrounding crowd of spectators were dumbstruck.

"Is something wrong with this Sword Young Master's head?" Many people felt speechless as they spoke.

"Haha... Sword Young Master, you're finally like a man!" Zhang

Yan was slightly perturbed earlier, but now that he saw Chen Shao Shuai agree, he instantly started laughing loudly in excitement.

As far as he was concerned, so long as he defeated Sword Young Master and trampled on Sword Young Master beneath his feet, he would be able to obtain one of the five positions, whereas Sword Young Master would be eliminated.

"Flame Young Master!" Chen Shao Shuai looked at Zhang Yan and said indifferently, "I can agree to your challenge, but I have a condition... If you agree to it, then I'll fight you! If you don't agree, then take it as I never agreed."

"What condition?" Zhang Yan frowned as he asked.

Chen Shao Shuai said, "The condition is... You're only able to obtain the position that originally belonged to me if you defeat me! If you lose, or if we fight to a tie, that position is still mine!"

"I was wondering what sort of condition you would speak of... I can agree to this condition! If I can't defeat you, then I'd have no face to occupy that position." Zhang Yan spoke as if what Chen Shao Shuai said was a matter of course, and his tone was filled with confidence.

In next to no time, Chen Shao Shuai and Zhang Yan started battling.

Chen Shao Shuai seemed to have prepared since long ago, and he

stood on the spot, not moving like a mountain, whereas Zhang Yan instead used his Half-step Advanced Water Force to fuel his movement technique and start flashing around.

His speed was so swift that it wasn't something Chen Shao Shuai could compare to.

But Zhang Yan was quickly stunned.

Because he noticed that Chen Shao Shuai never had the intention of chasing after him from the beginning until the end.

Gradually, Zhang Yan lost his patience.

Swish!

With a raise of his hand, Zhang Yan pointed out, and the Origin Energy point force flashed towards Chen Shao Shuai as it caused piercing howls to sound out in the air.

Chen Shao Shuai finally made a move.

His sword light flashed, seeming like a bolt of lightning that was swift to the extreme, and it chased up to Zhang Yan's Origin Energy point force in a short moment before shattering it.

In terms of offense, because of occupying an advantage from his spirit weapon, Chen Shao Shuai had a slight advantage over Zhang

Yan.

After all, Zhang Yan's Water Force didn't counter his Sword Force.

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"So that's how it is." When he saw Zhang Yan impatiently attacking Chen Shao Shuai, whereas Chen Shao Shuai smoothly blocked the attack, Duan Ling Tian's gaze lit up as he came to a sudden understanding.

In terms of attack, Chen Shao Shuai had a slight advantage over Zhang Yan.

In terms of speed, Chen Shao Shuai was inferior to Zhang Yan.

So, Chen Shao Shuai chose to defend and not attack.

Because he knew that if he were to blindly attack, it would give Zhang Yan an opportunity to take advantage of.

"So this is what Sword Young Master was planning."

"In this way, Sword Young Master would surely be in an invincible position!"

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Before long, many people had guessed Chen Shao Shuai's intentions.

Zhang Yan reacted to what was happening, and his face went

gloomy as he looked at Chen Shao Shuai and said with explosive rage, "Sword Young Master, could it be that you don't even have the balls to attack me?"

Obviously, Zhang Wan wanted to prod Chen Shao Shuai into action.

However, Chen Shao Shuai disregarded Zhang Yan, and he had a calm expression.

Zhang Yan's expression was exceedingly gloomy.

After waiting for a period of time and noticing that it was impossible for Chen Shao Shuai to take the initiative to attack, Zhang Yan launched an attack once more.

If he were to continue wasting energy like this, it would only be a tie, and he would be eliminated.

Only now did he realize that Sword Young Master had planned everything all along.

Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish!

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Numerous material Origin Energy point forces tore through the sky and swept towards Chen Shao Shuai, whereas every single

time, the sword in Chen Shao Shuai's hand would be able to smash Zhang Yan's Origin Energy point force in a timely manner.

Only Chen Shao Shuai's movement technique's speed was slow, but the sword in his hand wasn't slow in the slightest.

Sword Force was unable to make his movement speed increase, but it was able to increase the speed of his sword.

In the end, the battle between Chen Shao Shuai and Zhang Yan ended with a tie.

According to Chen Shao Shuai's conditions from before, Zhang Yan had narrowly lost the opportunity to obtain one of the five positions.

"Hmph!" The Emperor glanced at Zhang Yan indifferently, and then he snorted lightly.

Zhang Yan's figure trembled when he heard this.

He knew that he'd caused his Imperial Father to be disappointed.

"All five of you gather at the Imperial Palace three days from now to head to the Darkstone Empire!" The Emperor's gaze swept past Duan Ling Tian and the other four of them.

Duan Ling Tian and the others nodded in agreement.

Subsequently, the gaze of the Emperor descended onto Luo Rong.
"Guild Master Luo, I'll be taking my leave first."

"Take care, your Majesty." Luo Rong nodded.

After the Emperor left, the genius competition came to an end.

Zhang Yan dragged along his solitary figure as he walked step by step into the depths of the Imperial Palace.

There was a pavilion that belonged to him over there.

This time, he didn't pester Flute Fairy, Zi Yan.

The other people dispersed as well.

When Duan Ling Tian left, he noticed that two burning gazes had descended onto him.

These two gazes were filled with killing intent.

The owners of these gazes were precisely from Prince Sheng and the Little Prince.

"Father, could it be that we'll just allow Duan Ling Tian to head to the Darkstone Empire?" Zhang Heng had an unwilling

expression.

"Don't worry... He's unable to arrive at the Darkstone Empire!" Prince Sheng's eyes were filled with extreme killing intent. "It's impossible for a person that has humiliated my Prince Sheng's Estate to stay alive."

"Father, you have a plan?" Zhang Heng's eyes lit up when he heard this, and the gloominess on his face was washed away completely.

Prince Sheng nodded.

Outside the Imperial Palace at this moment.

Within the spacious coach of a leaving carriage was five people sitting there.

Only three people were inside the carriage when it arrived.

Duan Ling Tian, Luo Rong, and Luo Zhan.

Yet at this moment, there was an extra two people.

Chen Shao Shuai and Su Li.

"Su Li, exactly what fortuitous encounter did you acquire during

these past few years? You actually possess such a shocking cultivation." Duan Ling Tian looked at Su Li and asked via voice transmission.

Su Li replied via voice transmission. "Duan Ling Tian, not long after I left Paladin Academy that day, I brought my parents along to leave their original residence... Later on, I entered into the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom to wander about by myself, and I just happened to meet my current Master." As he finished speaking, Su Li's eyes were filled with respect.

Obviously, he respected that Master of his extremely.

"Master?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned.

There was someone in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom that was able to foster an extraordinary genius in the Martial Dao like Su Li?

"Yes." Su Li nodded.

"Your master is someone from the Azure Forest Tri-Sect?" Duan Ling Tian frowned as he asked.

The voice transmission this time contained a low and deep tone mixed within.

The reason Duan Ling Tian guessed like this was because Su Li had called Long Yun as Junior Brother Long earlier, whereas Long

Yun was a member of the formed Demonic Lotusblade Sect, and he was also a member of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect now.

"Azure Forest Tri-Sect?" The corners of Su Li's mouth curled into a wisp of disdain when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. "My Master is completely unrelated to that Azure Forest Tri-Sect... Besides that, that Long Yun's Master isn't a member of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect as well!"

Not a member of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect?

Duan Ling Tian heaved a sigh of relief.

Otherwise, he would really not know how to face this old friend of his, Su Li.

"Do you know the background of that Master of yours?" Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

Su Li shook his head. "I don't know, Master has always been mysterious... However, according to what he said, he ought to be from an extremely far place. Hmm, he also has a Senior Brother which is his lifelong rival, and that is Long Yun's Master."

Duan Ling Tian came to a sudden understanding.

He remembered that Long Yun and Su Li had arrived one after the other at the Imperial Palace today.

Long Yun seemed to have mentioned a Martial Uncle Sword, whereas Su Li seemed to have mentioned a Martial Uncle Saber.

Su Li knew nothing of the background of his own master and the master of Long Yun, and it was even to the extent that he didn't even know exactly how strong his master was.

"I only know that Master seemed to have been wandering here, whereas that Martial Uncle Saber had instead followed Master all the way here!" Su Li continued.

"They're sworn enemies?" Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

"How did you know?" Su Li couldn't help but be stunned when he heard this.

Duan Ling Tian smiled as a matter of course. "From the beginning until the end, there was quite a great deal of hostility between you and Long Yun... Besides that, since that Martial Uncle Saber of yours had followed your Master to the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, I presume it wasn't likely that they would be junior and senior brothers with a good relationship."

"Their relationship isn't good indeed... That Martial Uncle Saber has always refused to concede defeat before my Master, and it's to the extent that after a period time, he would repeatedly look for my Master for a battle!" When he spoke up to here, the corners of Su Li's mouth curled into a faint smile. "But unfortunately for him, that Martial Uncle Saber would lose every single time!"

Subsequently, Su Li said, "As for Long Yun, he's the disciple that Martial Uncle Saber took in later on... Martial Uncle Saber knew that it was extremely difficult for him to defeat my Master in his lifetime. So, he had the thought of fostering a disciple that could defeat me."

"Martial Uncle Saber is extremely eager to succeed, and he must surpass my Master in an aspect before he would let the matter drop." Su Li finished speaking in one go.

Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but shake his head, and he thought in his heart. "Looks like Su Li's master isn't simple, as he was able to allow Su Li to change so greatly in a short few years of time."

As far as Duan Ling Tian was concerned, even if it was an expert that stood at the peak of the Darkhan Dynasty, the expert might not be able to do this.

In other words, it was extremely likely that Su Li's master was someone from the Foreign Lands, whereas Long Yun's master was extremely likely to be from the Foreign Lands as well.

"Duan Ling Tian, I haven't returned to the Crimson Sky Kingdom for a period of time... Are Xiao Yu, Xiao Xun, and Tian Hu well?" Su Li looked at Duan Ling Tian as he asked.

This time, he didn't use a voice transmission to speak, and his voice entered into the ears of everyone in the carriage.

"They're well." Duan Ling Tian lightly smiled as he nodded. "I returned to the Crimson Sky Kingdom and saw them two years ago."

"That's good." Su Li nodded, and his gaze became slightly distant. "In the blink of an eye, six or seven years have passed... I presume they've changed a great deal. Time really passes quickly."

"Yeah, time and tide wait for no man." Duan Ling Tian agreed deeply.

"Both of you are young, yet you're sighing emotionally about time and tide waiting for no man... How do you think an old man like me feels?" Luo Rong shook his head and smiled bitterly when he heard the conversation between Duan Ling Tian and Su Li.

"Duan Ling Tian, Su Li, tell us about your pasts." Chen Shao Shuai's eyes flashed as he asked curiously.

He's always been someone that acted like old friends with someone even on their first meeting.

After Duan Ling Tian's introductions, they could be considered to have gotten to know Su Li, and made friends with Su Li.

Duan Ling Tian smiled as he casually spoke about some past things, and he mentioned more about the incident when Su Li left all those years ago.

"In other words, when Su Li left that day, his strength was far inferior to you?" Luo Zhan looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked.

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

"Su Li... How did you pass these past few years? How did you come to possess this terrifying cultivation and comprehend Advanced Sword Force?" Chen Shao Shuai had a dull expression as he looked at Su Li.

He originally thought that Duan Ling Tian and Su Li's strength in the past ought to be almost the same.

But who would have imagined that at that time, Su Li's strength was actually inferior to Duan Ling Tian.

Although Luo Rong didn't speak, his muddy eyes flashed with an imperceptible bright light.

Su Li's improvement had caused him to feel disbelief.

"It was only luck." Su Li smiled lightly and didn't intend to speak of it in detail.

Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai were both intelligent people, and they didn't ask any further.

"Luck is a part of strength as well." Right at this moment, Luo Zhan put a rare word in.

"Su Li, if you don't have a place to stay during these few days, then come stay at the Weapons Craftsmen Guild first." Duan Ling Tian looked at Su Li and suggested.

Su Li looked at Luo Rong when he heard this. "I have no problems with that... I just don't know if I'll be disturbing Guild Master Luo."

"You're not." Luo Rong hurriedly shook his head as he didn't dare be discourteous to a person that Duan Ling Tian invited.

Just like this, Su Li temporarily stayed on the fifth floor of the Weapons Craftsmen Guild.

Luo Rong had always stayed at the fifth floor by himself, and for a time, it became filled with noise and excitement.

The next day.

Duan Ling Tian stayed in his room and cultivated with a calm heart.

Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique, Lightning Wurm Form!

Duan Ling Tian's mind was immersed in his cultivation, and it

was cut off from the world.

"Master!" Duan Ling Tian only returned to his senses when a voice transmission came from outside the room and entered Duan Ling Tian's ears.

"Is there something you need?" Duan Ling Tian was able to discern that this was Luo Rong's voice.

"Master, there's news of the thing you're looking for!" Luo Rong's voice transmission sounded out once more.

What?!

Luo Rong's voice transmission caused Duan Ling Tian who had just awoken from cultivation and was slightly dazed to shudder, and he instantly sobered up.

"Is it Phoenix Wing Herb or Ageless Root?" Duan Ling Tian revealed a pleasantly surprised expression, and he asked with slight excitement.

He was able to guess that this thing Luo Rong mentioned would surely be one of these two things.

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At the same time, Duan Ling Tian opened the room door and looked at the old man outside with an excited expression.

"It seems to be Phoenix Wing Herb," said Luo Rong.

Phoenix Wing Herb?

Duan Ling Tian's gaze lit up abruptly, and he asked with an anxious tone. "Where's the Phoenix Wing Herb now?"

Luo Rong said, "It's the Imperial City's Sima Clan's Second Elder that personally came over to tell me of it... He said he'd seen the Phoenix Wing Herb in the Blackwind Ridge.

"Presently, he has already rushed to Blackwind Ridge, and he'd bring news back by tomorrow."

Duan Ling Tian nodded when he heard Luo Rong.

"Master, besides telling you of this matter, I came to look for you because I want to ask you to guide me slightly." When Luo Rong spoke up to here, he looked at Duan Ling Tian with an expression of anticipation.

"What?" Duan Ling Tian was confused.

"The Sima Clan's Second Elder is skill in using whips... I've never refined a whip in the past, and I don't know how to do it." Luo Rong was slightly embarrassed.

Duan Ling Tian smiled lightly. "It's only a small matter."

Under Duan Ling Tian's guidance, Luo Rong quickly completed the refinement of the first whip type spirit weapon in his entire lifetime, and it was able to provide an amplification of 49%!

When he found out that there was news about the Phoenix Wing Herb, Duan Ling Tian was rather excited and he didn't continue cultivating.

Instead, he went around the Imperial City with Su Li.

Another day passed.

Duan Ling Tian attained his wish of obtaining the Phoenix Wing Herb.

The Phoenix Wind Herb was completely jade green, and the corners of its leaves were extremely alike to the wings of the divine beast, Phoenix.

According to the memories of Rebirth Martial Emperor, Duan Ling Tian could confirm that this was a Phoenix Wing Herb indeed!

"Now that I've obtained the Phoenix Wing Herb, only the Ageless Root remains... As for the other medicinal materials, I'll be able to easily gather them." Duan Ling Tian was slightly excited in his heart.

So long as he found that Ageless Root, he would be able to refine the Rebirth Pill, and the Rebirth Pill would be a turning point for him.

"Once I consume the Rebirth Pill, my cultivation might be able to surpass Su Li in one go!" Duan Ling Tian was full of confidence towards the medicinal strength of the Rebirth Pill.

After all, even the Rebirth Martial Emperor of all those years ago, whose cultivation had stepped into the Martial Emperor Stage, had broken through three levels after he completely absorbed the medicinal strength of the Rebirth Pill!

Of course, the absorption of the Rebirth Pill's medicinal strength required a process.

All those years ago, the Rebirth Martial Emperor had spent many years to completely absorb the Rebirth Pill's medicinal strength.

"With my current cultivation, completely absorbing the Rebirth Pill's medicinal strength would probably require over ten years, or even longer..." Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

But no matter what, the Rebirth Pill was an unexpected delightful thing.

It was sufficient to assist him to advance by leaps and bounds with a single boost!

"Ageless Root... Ageless Root... Once I arrive at the Darkstone Empire, I must find a way to acquire the Ageless Root!" Duan Ling Tian's gaze was exceedingly firm.

After he obtained the Phoenix Wing Herb, Duan Ling Tian exerted himself even more when he cultivated.

Another day passed.

Dawn.

Duan Ling Tian, Luo Zhan, and Su Li left the Weapons Craftsmen Guild together.

As for Chen Shao Shuai, he'd run off to the Spring Night House during these few days.

According to what he said, they were about to leave and he wanted to properly enjoy himself for a few days.

The three of them sat within a carriage and headed towards the Imperial Palace.

"Duan Ling Tian!" Duan Ling Tian's group of three were just intending to walk into the Imperial Palace when they heard a familiar voice sound out from behind.

Duan Ling Tian was the first to turn around, and the person that had come was precisely Chen Shao Shuai.

"Aren't you afraid of emptying out your entire body's strength?" Luo Zhan shook his head and smiled.

"Don't worry, my body is extremely well!" Chen Shao Shuai spoke complacently.

"Let's go." Duan Ling Tian called out to Chen Shao Shuai before the four of them walked together into the Imperial Palace.

After a short moment, Duan Ling Tian's group of four gathered with Long Yun under the lead of the Imperial Palace's guards.

When facing Duan Ling Tian's group of four, Long Yun revealed strong hostility towards Duan Ling Tian and Su Li.

Duan Ling Tian and Su Li could be said to be his lifelong enemies.

Duan Ling Tian had defeated him twice and caused him to be extremely humiliated.

Su was the person his master wanted him to defeat and was the motivation for him to ceaselessly improve.

In this lifetime of his, he was bound to make great efforts to improve while making surpassing these two people his objective.

"Duan Ling Tian, Su Li... The day will come when I'll trample on the both of you beneath my feet!" Long Yun silently vowed in his heart.

Duan Ling Tian naturally noticed Long Yun's hostility, but he didn't pay any attention to it.

He's utterly not taken Long Yun seriously, not in the past, and not now.

As for Su Li, he glanced coldly and indifferently at Long Yun before withdrawing his gaze, and then he closed his eyes to rest.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

Two figures, one after the other, appeared before Duan Ling Tian's group of five.

One was an old man, the other a middle aged man in luxurious clothes.

"Vice Dean Chi!" Duan Ling Tian lightly smiled and nodded

towards the old man.

The old man was precisely the Vice Dean of the former Dragon and Phoenix Academy, Chi Ming.

As for the middle aged man in luxurious clothes, Duan Ling Tian paid no attention to him.

"Vice Dean Chi, Prince Sheng." But, Duan Ling Tian paying no attention to him didn't mean that the others would pay no attention to him.

The middle aged man in luxurious clothed was precisely Prince Sheng.

When he saw Duan Ling Tian disregard him, Prince Sheng's face slightly sank, and icy coldness was emitted from his eyes.

After a short moment, the coldness dispersed, and Prince Sheng's expression returned to calm.

"This Prince Sheng isn't simple." Duan Ling Tian noticed the changes in Prince Sheng's expression, and his heart jerked as he couldn't help but arouse slight vigilance in his heart.

"Very good, everyone is here." After Chi Ming nodded to Duan Ling Tian, he glanced indifferently at the others. "This trip to the Darkstone Empire will be lead by me and Prince Sheng... Let's go!"

As soon as Chi Ming finished speaking, he soared up into the sky.

Duan Ling Tian's group of five followed up to him.

The seven figures transformed into seven flowing lights in the blink of an eye, and they left the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial Palace.

They headed all the way north, and that was precisely the direction towards the Darkstone Empire.

"At this time, the experts of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect ought to have already departed." Prince Sheng's eyes squinted as he thought to himself.

This time, he'd pleaded on his behalf to the Emperor to head to the Darkstone Empire with Chi Ming and the others, whereas the reason he took this arduous errand was naturally not so simple.

He did all this only for the sake of Duan Ling Tian's life!

He couldn't eat and sleep in peace until Duan Ling Tian died.

He'd already come to an agreement with the three great sect leaders of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect that he would join forces with the experts the Azure Forest Tri-Sect sent over to obliterate Duan Ling Tian.

Time slowly passed by.

Half a month later.

When he saw the border between the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom and the Darkstone Empire close before his eyes, Prince Sheng's face sank. "Why haven't those Azure Forest Tri-Sect members arrived?"

Presently, the time he'd agreed upon with the three great sect leaders of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect had passed long ago, but the experts of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect still hadn't arrived.

Prince Sheng realized that he might have been stood up by the three great sect leaders of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect.

"Darkstone Empire!" As he looked at the territory ahead that belonged to the Darkstone Empire, Duan Ling Tian's eyes revealed slight reminiscence.

He'd once come to the Darkstone Empire a few years ago, and he'd even stayed in the Darkstone Empire for a period of time.

Azure Forest Tri-Sect's branch sect.

The location of the former Demonic Lotusblade Sect.

Today, the demonic lotus gorge was in complete chaos as blood flowed into rivers.

"That demon beast... That demon beast has come again!" Suddenly, an Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciple raised his head to look into the sky, and he shouted out in terror.

Right at the moment, the black dot high above in the sky became bigger and bigger.

In the end, it transformed into a Roc.

The Roc had an enormous body, and when it spread out its wings, they were like clouds that covered the sky.

Its eyes emitted a frightful sheen and didn't contain the slightest emotion.

Whoosh!

The Roc transformed into a bolt of lightning that plunged down to descend within the gorge, and everywhere it passed, shrill cries rose and fell.

Blood sprayed into the sky and gushed out to taint the entire ground.

"Flee! Flee!"

"Don't kill me, don't kill me!"

"No! No!"

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Waves of grieved and miserably shrill cries sounded out without end.

For a time, the entire gorge seemed to have transformed into a hell on earth.

The Roc dived down as it moved, and its sharp claws were covered in fresh blood, but its eyes reveal frightful cold lights that caused a chill to run down one's spine.

"Sinful animal, don't think of fleeing!" Suddenly, a grim shout sounded out from high above in the sky as numerous figures tore through the sky and chased after the Roc that was slaughtering within the gorge.

When they looked at the corpses that covered the ground of the gorge, the figures all had extremely unsightly expressions.

When the Roc saw the arrived of these people, it lightly turned around to glance at these people in disdain.

Whoosh!

Subsequently, the Roc shot into the sky, then it flapped its wing before vanishing in the horizon in the blink of an eye, and it caused the people chasing behind to be so far behind they were unable to catch up.

"Dammit! This Roc is even more terrifying than the Seven Star Sword Sect's Chen Xuan." The Sect Leader of the former Origin Convergence Sect, Lu Yuan looked at the direction the Roc left with an extremely unsightly expression.

He didn't chase the Roc because he knew he was unable to chase up to it.

The Roc was the Sect Guarding Demon Beast of the former Seven Star Sword Sect, and in terms of speed, there were very few people who could compare to it.

"This Roc relies on its sixth level Wind Concept coupled with its Roc-kind being adept in speed... A sixth level Void Initiation Stage martial artist had to have comprehended seventh level Wind Concept or the eighth level of any other Concept of nature to catch up to it!" The Sect Leader of the former Demonic Lotusblade Sect had eyes that were filled with icy coldness.

"No one in our Azure Forest Tri-Sect has a speed that's able to chase up to this Roc! If this continues, then the disciples of our Azure Forest Tri-Sect would sooner or later be completely slaughtered by him." The Sect Leader of the former Snow Moon

Sect, Xue Rui, had an extremely gloomy expression.

"The only thing we can do now is protect our sect's disciples properly... We can't go chase after it again! Otherwise, if it turns around again, the blood of our Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciples will flow into rivers once again." Lu Yuan's eyes flickered with cold lights.

Although he was aggrieved in his heart, he had no way to solve it.

"Hmph! If someone in our Azure Forest Tri-Sect is able to advance into the seventh level of the Void Initiation Stage, then why would we need to be afraid of this Roc?"

"When we annihilated the Seven Star Sword Sect on that day, we ought to have killed this Roc at the first possible moment! In that way, we wouldn't have fallen to such a passive situation like we're in now."

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The expressions of the other Guardian Elders of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect were extremely unsightly as well.

"I remember now! I remember now!" Suddenly, a shocked shout sounded out from within the gorge.

An Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciple's eyes revealed an expression of terror as he roared with a ghastly pale face. "I've seen that Roc

before, I've seen that Roc... It, it's the Sect Guarding Demon Beast of the Seven Star Sword Sect!"

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"What?!" The words of this disciple caused the other disciples of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect to go pale.

The Sect Guarding Demon Beast of the Seven Star Sword Sect?

"Are you sure?" Many Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciples looked towards the person that shouted out in shock.

"Of course! I was there on that day when the Seven Star Sword Sect was annihilated by our Azure Forest Tri-Sect, I'm absolutely not wrong!" The latter hurriedly nodded as his eyes emitted slight terror. "I still remember that Duan Ling Tian was saved by it that day... Its speed is something practically no one in our Azure Forest Tri-Sect is able to compare to!"

"Earlier, the three great Sect Leaders and the few Guardian Elders went to chase it, yet they didn't even touch a feather on its back... Not only that, they even allowed it to kill so many of our fellow disciples." The bodies of some of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciples started to tremble lightly.

"I want to leave the sect... I don't want to be an Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciple anymore!"

"I want to leave the sect as well!"

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Instantly, the group of Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciples within the gorge were stirred, and all of them wanted to leave the Azure Forest Tri-Sect.

As far as they were concerned, so long as they clearly cast aside their relationship with the Azure Forest Tri-Sect, they wouldn't have to worry about that Roc coming to slaughter them anymore.

The speed of that Roc was something no one in the Azure Forest Tri-Sect could compare to.

In other words, if the Roc wanted to kill them, it would simply be as if it was walking into an unguarded place!

The commotion within the gorge caused the expression of the three great sect leaders to become grim.

They never expected that the surviving Roc of the Seven Star Sword Sect would actually cause such great panic amongst their Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciples.

In next to no time, the three of them descended from the sky and went to reassure the disciples.

They could imagine that if they did nothing, it wouldn't be long before only they and the group of elders would remain in the Azure Forest Tri-Sect.

Although their strengths were ordinary, these Azure Forest Tri-Sect disciples were to foundation and hope of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect.

The future of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect relied on these disciples.

If these disciples left completely, then the Azure Forest Tri-Sect would surely cease to exist in the next 100 years.

Because of the sudden attack of the Roc, the three great sect leaders of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect had completely tossed the agreement between them and Prince Sheng to the back of their minds.

Right now, their homes were burning, and they were busy putting out the fire.

How could they possibly have the mind to care about anything else?

Darkstone Empire.

Duan Ling Tian's group flashed past in the sky above Phoenix Nest City.

Not long after, they arrived nearby the Inscription Formation that enveloped the former Soulcleanse Pool.

"Zhao Ming!" When Duan Ling Tian thought of the two old men that were trapped within the Inscription Formation, his face couldn't help but sink, and his eyes revealed icy cold killing intent.

So long as he possessed sufficient strength, he would surely enter the Inscription Formation once again and cruelly kill Zhao Ming.

In the past, he didn't know Zhao Ming's actions when the Seven Star Sword Sect was annihilated.

So he didn't utterly detest Zhao Ming so much.

But now, when he found out that Zhao Ming was the culprit of the deaths of Elder Xuan and the Sect Leader, Linghu Jin Hong, Duan Ling Tian wished for nothing more than to tear Zhao Ming into pieces!

"Those Azure Forest Tri-Sect members actually dared deceive me!" Prince Sheng who wore luxurious clothes had a livid expression.

He finally realized that it was impossible that the members of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect were coming.

Amongst Duan Ling Tian's group, the strengths of the five young men were only ordinary, but Chi Ming and Prince Sheng were both existences at the Void Initiation Stage.

Especially Chi Ming, his cultivation was at the sixth level of the

Void Initiation Stage and he even had a grade four spirit weapon to rely on.

So it was extremely peaceful all along the way.

For a martial artist at the Void Initiation Stage, heading to the Darkstone Empire's Imperial City from the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial City couldn't be considered to be far.

However, Chi Ming and Prince Sheng had to take care of the few young men.

So their group only arrived nearby the Darkstone Empire's Imperial Kingdom after three months of time.

"The Darkstone Empire's Imperial City is up ahead." Chi Ming was the first to descend from the sky, and he looked down at a little black slot far in the distance.

Along with Duan Ling Tian's group moving forward, the little black spot became larger and larger.

In the end, it transformed into a vast city.

This city was ancient and emitted a unique aura.

It was like a demon beast that lay dormant there, and it ceaselessly swallowed the streams of carriages into its stomach.

"The Darkstone Empire's Imperial City!" Duan Ling Tian eyes flickered with a flowing light as he looked at the city before him.

He knew that this place was the place he would be staying at next.

Nine months later, the Young Genius Competition of the Darkstone Empire would begin.

At that time, the people that were outstanding during the Young Genius Competition would obtain the qualification to head towards the Darkhan Dynasty to compete with the young geniuses of the Dynasty and the various Empires.

In the Darkhan Dynasty, the selection for the people who would participate in the Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties would be decided, and then they would directly participate in the martial competition.

Supposedly, the Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties was held by the formidable powers of the Foreign Lands.

Those people that were outstanding in the Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties would presumably acquire the favor of those formidable powers.

"That power will be my current objective... I'll rely on it as my jumping board to enter the Foreign Lands, and then I'll wait for an

opportunity to withdraw the great store of treasures the Rebirth Martial Emperor left behind during his second lifetime!" Duan Ling Tian made a plan for his future.

"Before this, I must become eminent in the Darkhan Dynasty, and seize the qualification to participate in the martial competition... Otherwise, everything would be in vain no matter how much I think about it." This was something that Duan Ling Tian was extremely clear of.

"Descend!" Along with Chi Ming leading in descend, Duan Ling Tian and the others followed down as well, and they walked into the Imperial City together with large strides.

After Duan Ling Tian's group entered the Imperial City and had a meal, Chi Ming went to buy a spacious courtyard.

"There's still nine months of time to the Darkstone Empire's Young Genius Competition... All of you will stay at the Darkstone Empire's Imperial City during this period of time and cultivate properly, and strive to break through," said Chi Ming to Duan Ling Tian and the other four.

Duan Ling Tian and the others nodded in agreement.

"Duan Ling Tian, perhaps I'll break through to the fifth level of the Void Prying Stage before you." Chen Shao Shuai looked at Duan Ling Tian and smiled.

"We'll see." Duan Ling Tian smiled as well.

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian returned to the room Chi Ming allocated to him.

Duan Ling Tian's room was in between two rooms.

One of them was Su Li's room.

The other was Chi Ming's.

"Vice Dean Chi is really thoughtful." Duan Ling Tian shook his head and smiled, and his face held a slightly moved expression.

He was able to discern that Chi Ming had surely intentionally allocated it like this.

Presumably, Chi Ming had discerned Prince Sheng's hostility towards him since long ago.

"Squeak squeak~" Suddenly, the little gold mouse on Duan Ling Tian's shoulder awoke, and then she opened her pair of jade green eyes before sizing up the room before her. "Big Brother Ling Tian, where are we?"

"You little fellow... We've already arrived at the Imperial City of Darkstone Empire," Duan Ling Tian said with a smile.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, I haven't eaten for so long." The little gold mouse looked at Duan Ling Tian with a pitiable expression.

"I didn't see you waking up when we were eating earlier... Now you're hungry? Duan Ling Tian shook his head as he walked out of the door, and then he notified Chi Ming before leaving the courtyard.

Duan Ling Tian found a nearby restaurant and ordered a table of roast meat for the little gold mouse.

At the courtyard.

A figure was just intending to leave.

"Prince Sheng!" An aged figure followed closely behind the first figure like a shadow.

"Revered Elder Chi." Prince Sheng frowned when he saw the old man, and his expression was unsightly.

He knew that the old man had perceived his intentions.

He was bound to be unable to follow Duan Ling Tian and secretly deal with him.

Duan Ling Tian naturally didn't know all this.

After the little gold mouse was fully fed, he brought the little gold mouse to go around the nearby area before returning to the courtyard.

Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique, Lightning Wyrms Form!

Duan Ling Tian sat cross-legged on the bed as he cultivated silently.

One month later.

"Duan Ling Tian, why are you suddenly interested in the auction held by the Darkstone Empire's Imperial Family?" On the way, Su Li asked Duan Ling Tian who was beside him.

"Su Li, don't you feel that always staying in the courtyard and cultivating is too boring? Supposedly, the auction held by the Darkstone Empire's Imperial Family is held every year, and there are many treasures every time." Duan Ling Tian said with a smile, "Perhaps you'll be able to obtain something you require."

Su Li nodded and his eyes contained slight anticipation.

On the other side, Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai similarly had slight anticipation.

The auction house of the Darkstone Empire's Imperial Family was resplendent and magnificent, and it caused Duan Ling Tian's group of four who had walked in to be unable to refrain from

feeling shocked in their hearts.

"A room actually requires 100,000 gold... That Darkstone Empire's Imperial Family is simply robbing people!" Chen Shao Shuai couldn't help but shake his head in the room.

Luo Zhan said with a smile, "Your heart is probably aching that if all this money was given to you to go to the Spring Night House, you would be able to use it for an extremely long period of time, right?"

Chen Shao Shuai was slightly embarrassed when he was seen through.

Duan Ling Tian sat at this side and silently savored the fragrant tea on the table, and his gaze passed through the wind to look towards the auction hall.

Presently, the people in the auction hall grew more and more numerous.

It wasn't long before the auction started.

At the beginning, practically all the things auctions were spirit weapons and medicinal pills, and Duan Ling Tian didn't take a fancy to any of them.

Duan Ling Tian only started bidding later on when the auction house brought out some rare materials.

Before the auction ended, Duan Ling Tian had bid for many materials.

So long as he took a fancy to them, he would practically directly bid and take them.

Unknowingly, the gold in Duan Ling Tian's possession had reduced by an entire 100 million, and this caused Su Li and the others to be unable to help but be amazed.

"Duan Ling Tian, I originally thought that the person amongst us with the most money in his possession would be Luo Zhan... I never imagined that you'd concealed such wealth so deeply!" Chen Shao Shuai looked at Duan Ling Tian and said with a smile, "Looks like if I don't have money in the future, I'm completely able to directly borrow money from you."

"You can, but you have to pay interest." Duan Ling Tian smiled lightly.

Chen Shao Shuai rolled his eyes angrily at Duan Ling Tian.

Although he was surprised, Su Li didn't say anything.

In the past, Duan Ling Tian had surprised people many times and he'd long since become accustomed to it.

As far as he was concerned, if anything shocking occurred around Duan Ling Tian, then it was extremely normal.

As for Luo Zhan, after he was surprised, he felt it was logical and natural.

Only he knew Duan Ling Tian's secret, he knew that Duan Ling Tian was a grade four Weapons Craftsman.

Would a grade four Weapons Craftsman lack money?

The answer was no.

Luo Zhan believed that so long as Duan Ling Tian was willing to refine a grade four spirit weapon and put it up for auction in the auction house of the Darkstone Empire's Imperial Family, it would absolutely be able to be auctioned off for an astronomical figure.

A grade four spirit weapon was something that was usually only able to be refined by the Weapons Craftsmen within the Dynasties, and when placed in the Darkstone Empire, it was sufficient to cause a great stir.

Chapter 563: Dead Egg

To a certain extent, a grade four spirit weapon was already not something that could be measured with money.

If it really were to be exchanged for money, it would surely be a figure so enormous that one would be unable to imagine it.

So, as far as Luo Zhan was concerned, Duan Ling Tian didn't lack money.

How would Luo Zhan know that practically none of the wealth in Duan Ling Tian's possession was obtained by exchanging spirit weapons.

He'd earned all this wealth with various methods.

"The items auctioned off by the Darkstone Empire's Imperial Family's are truly disappointing." Duan Ling Tian looked out the window, at the middle aged man that stood there and presided over the auction, and he shook his head.

Of course, the reason Duan Ling Tian thought in this way was entirely because he took no fancy to most of the rare items in the auction.

For example, the grade five spirit weapons, the bottle of Void Strengthening Pills with 80% purity, and the various miscellaneous things.

To others, those things were treasures, but to Duan Ling Tian, they weren't worth mentioning.

So long as he was willing, he would be able to refine a better grade five spirit weapon or Voice Strengthening Pills with even higher purity.

As for the other things, he had no need for them.

When one stood at a different position, one's mentality would naturally be different.

"Everyone, the next thing to be auctioned off is the last item for the auction of our Imperial Family's auction house this time... This is a demon beast egg, and it contains a trace of the aura of Advanced Lightning Force. The middle aged man that presided over the auction spoke out in introduction.

Presently, there was a tray in the hands of the middle aged man.

An egg the size of an infant's fist was placed upright on the tray.

There was vaguely a faint violet colored energy flickering on the surface layer of the egg.

"In other words, the demon beast that laid this egg is most probably an existence that has comprehended Advanced Lightning

Force!" The middle aged man continued.

"Advanced Lightning Force?" Early on when the middle aged man mentioned the words Advanced Lightning Force, most of the people in the auction hall couldn't help but become excited, and when they finished hearing the words of the middle aged man, the gazes of many of them lit up.

"A demon beast egg laid by a demon beast that has comprehended Advanced Lightning Force... I'm determined to obtain it!" Right at this moment, a resolute and determined voice sounded out from a room in the higher floor.

"Hmph! That would depend on if you have the wealth." A voice of disdain sounded out from another room.

"Since this demon beast egg carries along Advanced Lightning Force... Then in other words, it's very likely that the demon beast within the demon beast egg will grow to comprehend Advanced Lightning Force!" A voice sounded out from another room, and the voice contained slight excitement mixed within.

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Duan Ling Tian noticed that the guests within the numerous rooms spoke out, and they were determined to obtain this demon beast egg.

"What demon beast egg is that?" Duan Ling Tian looked at the

demon beast egg, and there was slight curiosity mixed within his gaze.

Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force swept out as he wanted to determine what exactly it was.

"Eh." Right at this moment, Duan Ling Tian noticed another Spiritual Force was also investigating the demon beast egg.

The strength of this Spiritual Force was on par with him, it was a sixth level Void Prying Stage Spiritual Force as well.

"There's another Inscription Master here?" Duan Ling Tian's brows raised.

He was only able to notice this Spiritual Force, yet he had no way of knowing where it came from.

"I wonder if this Spiritual Force is from the rooms or from someone in the hall." Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

But when he saw the Spiritual Force had no intention of making things difficult for him, Duan Ling Tian paid no attention to it.

Even if that Spiritual Force wanted to make things difficult for him, he wasn't afraid!

His Spiritual Force wasn't inferior to the other person.

"This..." When Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force touched the demon beast egg, his eyes couldn't help but squint.

It was because he noticed that the vitality within the demon beast egg was swiftly flowing out, and only a trace remained now.

In this instant of time, that trace of vitality had vanished completely as well.

The Advanced Lightning Force that flickered atop the demon beast egg completely disappeared, causing the egg to become simple and ordinary.

"What's going on?" This scene caused many guests that were present to be unable to help but be stunned.

There were also some people with discerning gazes that cried out in surprise. "This demon beast egg doesn't have any vitality already... It's already a dead egg!"

Dead egg!

It was like a single stone that raised a thousand ripples.

A living demon beast egg had suddenly become a dead egg, and it caused everyone to be dumbstruck.

"It's really dead?"

"It seems to have lost all vitality... So long as there was a trace of vitality, a demon beast egg's outer surface would have a trace of Force!"

"Exactly! If the Force suddenly disappears, then there's only one possibility... The demon beast has died."

"A demon beast egg that was priceless is now not worth a hair... Such a pity."

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The auction hall was in a complete uproar.

"Duan Ling Tian, the demon beast within that demon beast egg is really dead?" Luo Zhan asked Duan Ling Tian curiously.

He had blind confidence towards Duan Ling Tian.

Subconsciously, he felt that Duan Ling Tian was capable of anything.

"Yes, it just died." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

"Just died?" Su Li and Chen Shao Shuai couldn't help but be

stunned when they heard this.

"Fortunately, it's dead now... Otherwise, if it died after someone bid and won it, then the person who bought it would have really been cheated." Chen Shao Shuai sighed with emotion.

Meanwhile, the middle aged man on the auction platform became gloomy.

After a short moment, two old men walked up from behind the platform.

After they checked the demon beast egg, both of them couldn't help but shake their heads.

"The final auction of the Imperial Family's auction house is a dead egg... This matter would surely become the joke of the Imperial Family's auction house."

"A demon beast egg that was priceless has now become a useless thing, it's truly a pity."

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Many people shook their heads and sighed within the auction hall, whereas the voices that sounded out from the various rooms had gone silent and didn't sound out again.

"Guests!" The middle aged man on the auction platform took a deep breath and said apologetically, "A slight accident has occurred on the last auction item for today... We never expected that the demon beast within it would be so weak!"

"However, we've still decided to auction off this demon beast egg... This demon beast egg's original starting bid price was 10 million gold. Now, the starting bid will be one million gold!"

One million gold!

The middle aged man's words caused everyone in the auction hall to be unable to refrain from showing expressions of disdain.

A dead egg, an egg of no use at all, was one million gold?

Only an idiot would buy it!

If this demon beast egg wasn't dead, it would perhaps be able to sell for an astronomical figure.

But the demon beast within it was dead now, and this demon beast egg was bound to become a useless thing.

One would complain that holding on to it was cumbersome.

So, would one spend one million gold to buy it?

Presently, even Duan Ling Tian who sat within the room couldn't help but shake his head.

He felt the Imperial Family's auction house wanted to earn money to the point they'd gone crazy.

"One million gold for a dead egg?" Luo Zhan shook his head.

Right when Su Li and Chen Shao Shuai felt that it was extremely unlikely that someone would bid.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse that stood on Duan Ling Tian's shoulder suddenly cried out.

"Big Brother Ling Tian." Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian heard the little gold mouse's voice.

"What is it?" Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, I want that demon beast egg." The little gold mouse's gaze shot out of the window onto the hand of the middle aged man on the auction platform.

It was exactly that the demon beast egg that had already completely lost all signs of life in the hand of the middle aged man.

"Little Gold, the demon beast within that demon beast egg is already dead." Duan Ling Tian feared that the little gold mouse

didn't know of this fact.

"I know." The little gold mouse nodded like a human, then continued saying via voice transmission. "Big Brother Ling Tian, I want it..."

Duan Ling Tian noticed that the little gold mouse sprang her jade green eyes wide opened as she stared at him.

The little gold mouse's gaze was filled with anticipation.

"Alright, I'll buy it for you." Duan Ling Tian rubbed the little gold mouse's small head and had a doting expression.

It was only one million gold.

He would buy this demon beast egg and take it as buying a toy for the little fellow.

"One million gold!" Instantly, Duan Ling Tian directly spoke out under the gazes of disbelief from Luo Zhan and the others.

Duan Ling Tian's voice sounded out within the auction hall, and it caused everyone in the hall to be dumbstruck.

After a short while, they recovered from their shock.

"There's really someone that's willing to spend one million gold to buy a demon beast egg that has lost all signs of life?"

"Truly a rich idiot!"

"The world of the rich isn't something we can imagine."

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The crowd of people whispered in discussion, and even more people couldn't help but shoot their gazes at the room Duan Ling Tian was in.

But unfortunately, due the problem of their angle, they weren't able to see anything.

"Is there any other guest that wants to bid?" Right at this moment, the middle aged man on the auction platform heaved a sigh of relief, and he asked in a loud voice.

Someone spending one million gold to buy this demon beast egg that had lost all signs of life had exceeded his expectations as well.

Now, he didn't think that anyone would continue bidding.

He was only asking perfunctorily.

"If there's no guest bidding, then I'll start the count... One million gold going once, one million gold going twice, one million gold going thrice! Sold!" The middle aged man spoke word by word.

"Congratulations guest in room number seven for acquiring this demon beast egg for one million gold." The middle aged man looked at the room Duan Ling Tian was in and spoke with a loud voice.

When they saw the demon beast egg that had lost all signs of life had an owner, a wave of discussion once again arose in the auction hall.

"A demon beast egg that has lost all signs of life is utterly useless... I wonder who actually spent one million gold to buy a useless thing like this."

"Exactly, this demon beast egg is probably no different to an ordinary chicken egg now."

"There's still a difference from a chicken egg... At least, I still dare to eat a chicken egg, but if this demon beast egg entered into my possession, I'd surely throw it away directly."

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No matter how the people outside discussed it, Duan Ling Tian had bid and acquired that demon beast egg.

"Duan Ling Tian, you..." Luo Zhan looked at Duan Ling Tian, and they all had puzzled expressions.

As far as they were concerned, Duan Ling Tian was absolutely not a rich idiot.

Duan Ling Tian didn't say anything but instead looked at the little gold mouse on his shoulder and thought to himself. "What does Little Gold want that demon beast egg for?"

Knock! Knock!

Right at this moment, the sound of the door being knocked sounded out.

A member of the auction house had sent over the demon beast egg, whereas, Duan Ling Tian passed over the one million gold as well.

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"Squeak squeak!!"

Duan Ling Tian had only just acquired the demon beast egg when the little gold mouse let out a sharp cry as she pounced over, and she swiftly seized away the demon beast egg like a thunderbolt.

"You little fellow, are you afraid I wouldn't give it to you?" Duan Ling Tian spoke angrily as he looked at the little gold mouse that embraced the demon beast egg as if she'd obtained a precious treasure.

Meanwhile, Luo Zhan, Su Li, and Chen Shao Shuai's gazes were slightly dazed as they shot at the little gold mouse.

They were extremely curious why the demon beast by Duan Ling Tian's side wanted this demon beast egg that had lost all signs of life?

Not only were they curious, even Duan Ling Tian was similarly curious.

He'd bid for this demon beast egg because the little gold mouse wanted it, as for what the little gold mouse wanted to do with it, that was something he had completely zero knowledge about.

After the worker from the auction house received the money and left while closing the door on his way out, Duan Ling Tian's group

of four saw to their shock.

Whoosh!

The little gold mouse's figure slightly enlarged, and at the same time, she grabbed onto the demon beast egg with her hand before directly shoving it into her mouth.

The demon beast egg was just able to be swallowed by her.

"Gulp!" At the instant that the little gold mouse swallowed the demon beast egg, Duan Ling Tian's group of four couldn't refrain from fiercely gulping down a mouthful of saliva.

The questioning gazes of Luo Zhan's group of three had descended onto Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian laughed bitterly as he spread out his hands, and his expression was as if he didn't know anything beforehand.

"Little Gold, you..." Right when Duan Ling Tian was prepared to ask the little gold mouse why she swallowed the demon beast egg.

Duan Ling Tian saw the little gold mouse had shrunk down once again, and her fluffy and chubby figure fell down before falling asleep on the table.

This state she was in was exactly similar to her state after

consuming the Nether Soul Fruit.

"Could it be that Little Gold has eaten that demon beast egg like a spirit fruit?" Duan Ling Tian had a strange expression.

"Duan Ling Tian, this Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse by your side is truly bizarre." Luo Zhan shook his head as he sighed with emotion.

"Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse?" Chen Shao Shuai's eyes lit up. "What a domineering name! Duan Ling Tian, where did you find this little fellow, if I have the chance, I want to get one and raise it as well."

"I encountered her in an auction house all those years ago... Now that I speak about it, I even spent a few million gold on her." Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but recall the scene of him bidding for the little gold mouse in the Black Wind City Ma Clan auction house.

"Only a few million gold?" Luo Zhan had an expression of jealousy and envy. "Duan Ling Tian, your luck is really heaven-defying!"

He knew clearly of how terrifying the little gold mouse by Duan Ling Tian's side was.

Although Chen Shao Shuai didn't say anything, he looked at Duan Ling Tian with a gaze of envy.

"Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse?" Su Li pondered for a short while

before his gaze abruptly lit up, and then he looked at Duan Ling Tian. "Duan Ling Tian, this little gold mouse by your side is a Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse? Are you sure?"

At this instant, Su Li's breathing had become heavy.

"Su Li, you know of the Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse?" It was the first time that Luo Zhan had seen Su Li lose his composure like this, and he asked curiously.

Chen Shao Shuai looked over as well.

Su Li muttered. "If this little gold mouse is really a Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse, then Duan Ling Tian has really made a fortune... A Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse for a few million gold?"

"Su Li, since you know of the Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse, then tell us about it." Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai both had curious expressions.

Su Li's loss of composure allowed them to realize that the little gold mouse by Duan Ling Tian's side was extremely extraordinary.

Su Li glanced at Duan Ling Tian as if he was confirming something.

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

Only now did Su Li look at the little gold mouse that lay on the table and had fallen asleep as he said, "I once saw records related to the Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse in some ancient books..."

"The Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse is a type of extremely formidable demon beast! When it matured, it's even able to transform into a 'Demon' and take human form." When he spoke up to here, Su Li's voice was slightly trembling.

"Demon?" Su Li's words caused the pupils of Chen Shao Shuai and Luo Zhan to constrict.

As long as it was able to be called a Demon, then it was at least an existence at the Void Transformation Stage.

Even if it was a demon beast at the ninth level of the Void Interpretation Stage, the demon beast didn't have the qualifications to be called a Demon.

Only a demon beast that has stepped into the Void Transformation Stage and was able to take human form had the qualifications to be called a Demon.

The words Demon had always been a synonym for expert.

In Cloud Continent, every Demon was an existence with shocking strength.

Some formidable Demons even had the chance to become a

Demon Monarch and even a Demon Emperor...

A Demon Monarch was equivalent to the Martial Monarch amongst human martial artists.

A Demon Emperor was equivalent to the Martial Emperor amongst human martial artists.

Their strengths were exceedingly high to the point it was difficult to imagine.

"Demon! The bloodline of a Demon actually flows within the body of this Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse?" Chen Shao Shuai was dumbstruck.

"In other words, so long as it matures, it's extremely like to transform into a Demon and possess a formidable strength at the Void Transformation Stage?" At this moment, Luo Zhan could almost hear his own heartbeat.

"Yes." Su Li nodded.

For a time, Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai looked at Duan Ling Tian with eyes that had gone red.

He bought a demon beast that could transform into a Demon for a few million gold?

Why don't we have such luck!?

"It's alright if the two of you know this... But you must not tell anyone else." Su Li glanced at Chen Shao Shuai and Luo Zhan with a gaze of warning.

"Don't worry." Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai hurriedly nodded.

After they found out about the background of the Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse, they knew that it was a hot potato.

Outsiders didn't know of the background of the little gold mouse by Duan Ling Tian's side, otherwise, they could imagine that experts from all over would come to seize the little gold mouse from Duan Ling Tian.

At that time, even the top experts in the Darkhan Dynasty would probably be interested in the little gold mouse by Duan Ling Tian's side.

This little gold mouse was a future Demon.

Its potential was so great that it was shocking.

Presently, they'd already decided to bury this secret in the depths of their hearts.

They wouldn't sell Duan Ling Tian out.

Not because of anything else, but because of Duan Ling Tian's acceptance.

Earlier, they'd clearly seen the gaze Su Li specially shot at Duan Ling Tian to ask Duan Ling Tian's opinion before he spoke.

They knew that if Duan Ling Tian didn't agree, it would be impossible for Su Li to speak about the background of the Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse.

Whereas since Duan Ling Tian agreed, it was sufficient to show that Duan Ling Tian didn't take them as outsiders.

Treat someone how he treats you.

They weren't ungrateful bastards.

"Duan Ling Tian, not only is your natural talent heaven defying, even you luck is difficult to imagine... Buying a future Demon for a few million gold, even I'm slightly envious." Chen Shao Shuai sighed.

Luo Zhan nodded in deep agreement.

Demon?

Duan Ling Tian snickered in his heart.

Actually, when he heard what Su Li said earlier, he knew that Su Li didn't understand a Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse.

At least, his understanding was far inferior to the Rebirth Martial Emperor.

In the knowledge Su Li possessed, a Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse was only a Void Transformation Stage Demon when it matured, whereas, according to the memories of the Rebirth Martial Emperor, once a Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse matured, it wouldn't just simple as an ordinary Demon.

In the history of Cloud Continent, the Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse kind had no lack of existences at the Demon Emperor Stage, their strengths were exceedingly high, and they inspired awe in all directions.

"We ought to leave." Duan Ling Tian took the lead to stand up before grabbing the little gold mouse in his hand and placing her on his broad shoulder, and then he called out to Luo Zhan and the others.

The three of them walked shoulder to shoulder with Duan Ling Tian as they left the room at the second floor of the auction house together.

This time, besides Duan Ling Tian who bought many materials; Luo Zhan, Su Li, and Chen Shao Shui had more or less bought some things.

After their group of four left the auction house, they directly returned to the courtyard and returned to their rooms to cultivate.

"I wonder if any change will occur after Little Gold swallowed that demon beast egg that had lost all signs of life... I hope she'll be able to break through to the ninth level of the Void Prying Stage." Duan Ling Tian glanced at the little gold mouse that was snored loudly as she slept, and he thought to himself.

The stronger the little gold mouse's strength was, the greater help to him she would be.

"Once Little Gold awakens, I ought to go look for that Ageless Root." Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

"If I'm able to refine the Rebirth Pill before the Young Genius Competition of the Darkstone Empire, then I might have the chance to break through to the Void Initiation Stage in a short period of time and even enter the Sword Monarch's Treasure!" Duan Ling Tian's mood surged, and he seemed as if he'd already seen his extremely bright future.

Gradually, Duan Ling Tian calmed down his heart.

Cultivate!

Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique, Lightning Wurm Form!

Duan Ling Tian's mind was completely immersed into his cultivation, and he forgot the time and everything else.

Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, the location of the former Seven Star Sword Sect, in the sky above Dubhe Peak.

Suddenly, the clouds and mist in the horizon roiled as an enormous figure plunged downwards.

Whoosh!

The enormous figure had an extremely swift speed, and in the blink of an eye, it had descended onto the vast platform on the peak of Dubhe Peak.

"Who is it?!" Right at this moment, three old men came out from the former Trade Hall at the side of Dubhe Peak.

They were precisely the elders of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect.

"R.... Roc! The Seven Star Sword Sect's Roc!" The three old men looked at the Roc that stared fixedly at them, and their faces went pale. "Dammit! Why... Why has it appeared here!?"

"Flee!" Their hearts trembled, they didn't dare arouse the thought of going against it, and they divided into three directions, soaring into the sky and intending to fly off into the distance.

But would they be able to flee?

Whoosh!

Suddenly, the Roc spread open its wings that covered the sky, and it abruptly flapped towards the ground.

Instantly, the dust on the ground was completely swept away.

Whoosh!

The Roc seemed to have transformed into a bolt of lightning as it swiftly flashed out to charge towards one of the old men.

Even though the old man was a second level Void Initiation Stage martial artist with shocking speed, yet that little bit of speed of his wasn't even worth mentioning before the Roc.

In the blink of an eyes, the Roc had caught up to him.

Om!

The sharp claws of the Roc swept out to grab onto the old man's head before directly twisting it off.

A second level Void Initiation Stage martial artist, dead!

Whoosh! Whoosh!

Subsequently, the Roc repeated the same move, catching up to the other two old men in succession before killing them one by one.

After killing the three old men, the Roc looked at the empty Dubhe Peak with a pair of eyes that revealed a trace of grief.

Whoosh!

The Roc spread open its wings before started to swiftly search through all over Dubhe Peak and even the surrounding six great sword peaks.

As long as it saw an Azure Forest Tri-Sect elder or disciples, the Roc would kill all of them.

Chapter 565: First Level Lightning Concept

The seven great sword peaks of the Seven Star Sword Sect were covered in blood.

Whoosh!

Suddenly, the Roc spread out its wings and directly flew to the peak of Megrez Peak as it seemed to have noticed something.

The clouds and mist were shaken to dispersal everywhere the Roc passed.

In next to no time, a tilted tree behind the clouds and mist appeared before the eyes of the Roc.

Beside the tilted tree was a cave passageway that led within.

The Roc's eyes abruptly became fierce, its pair of wings that were like clouds that covered the sky flickered with a frightful sheen, and Wind Concept raged and suffused within its Origin Energy.

Right at this moment, light sounds of footsteps sounded out from within the cave passageway.

In next to no time, a beautiful woman holding a sword walked out.

Every step the beautiful woman took seemed to give rise to a wave of fierce sword energy that swept out ahead.

One step, two steps...

The beautiful woman had a serious expression, and the seriousness on her face only vanished into thin air when she walked out of the cave passageway, stood on the tilted tree, and saw the Roc before her that circled around in the air.

"Elder... Elder Peng?" The beautiful woman was precisely Qin Xiang, the Peak Master of the former Seven Star Sword Sect's Alkaid Peak.

Presently, as she looked at the Roc before her, Qin Xiang's delicate figure trembled, and her eyes that were like water were filled with excitement.

"Little Girl Xiang, you've returned." After the Roc saw Qin Xiang's, the fierceness in his vanished completely, and replacing it was warmth.

Presently, compared to the Roc that carried out a bloody slaughter on the seven great sword peaks earlier was simply like a completely different Roc!

"Elder Peng, I thought... It's good that you're fine, it's good that you're fine." Qin Xiang heaved a sigh of relief, and her beautiful face was extremely excited.

Elder Peng.

The Sect Guarding Revered Elder of the former Seven Star Sword Sect.

An existence like this was still well and living now, and it caused Qin Xiang to see the hope for the Seven Star Sword Sect to rise once again.

"Elder Peng!" Meanwhile, another two figures walked shoulder to shoulder as they emerged from within the cave passageway.

It was precisely Mo Yu and Zheng Song.

The Roc nodded when he saw the two of them, and slight sadness was contained in the depths of his sharp eyes.

Only these few people remained from the entire Seven Star Sword Sect.

"Little Girl Qin, it's good that all of you are alive... Presently, all the Azure Forest Tri-Sect members on the seven great sword sects have been completely annihilated by me! From today onwards, I'll guard the location of the Seven Star Sword Sect and not allow an outsider to encroach on it!" The Roc's voice transmission was filled with domineering ruthlessness.

"Don't worry Elder Peng... We'll sooner or later be able to annihilate the Azure Forest Tri-Sect and make the sect become prosperous once again!" Qin Xiang said to Elder Peng, "We have... Duan Ling Tian!"

Duan Ling Tian!

A bright light flashed past the Roc's sharp eyes when he heard this, and he nodded.

He was similarly filled with confidence towards the young man that he'd taken out from the Sect all those years ago.

Time always flew by swiftly.

Unknowingly, another month had passed.

"Squeak squeak~" Duan Ling Tian was jolted awake by a wave of cries at dawn.

"Little Gold? You've awoken?!" Duan Ling Tian woke up from his cultivation, and he opened up his eyes that dazzled like the stars to stare at the little gold mouse.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse nodded, and her jade green eyes flickered with a cunning sheen.

"Eh." Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force stretched out to envelop

the little gold mouse's body, and at the first possible moment, he saw through the little gold mouse's cultivation.

"Little Gold... You didn't break through?" Duan Ling Tian was slightly disappointed.

He'd initially thought that after the little gold mouse swallowed the demon beast egg and fell into deep sleep, she ought to have a break through.

Unexpectedly, the little gold mouse's cultivation still didn't step into the eighth level of the Void Prying Stage, and there was no change in her.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse held up her head when she heard Duan Ling Tian, and she cried out complacently.

"What're you complacent about...? You didn't break through!" Duan Ling Tian rolled his eyes angrily at the little gold mouse. "Looks like the demon beast egg I bought for you that day was of no use to you at all... But since it was useless to you, then why did you sleep for a month?" As he finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian was slightly speechless.

Right at this moment, the little gold mouse made a move, and she flashed in circles around Duan Ling Tian.

On the little gold mouse's body, strands of violet colored energy suffused out...

Whoosh!

In the sky, an enormous silhouette spiraled downwards to reveal its true appearance.

An ancient horned dragon silhouette.

"This..." Duan Ling Tian's expression turned to shock when he saw the ancient horned dragon silhouette above the little gold mouse and the violet colored energy on the little gold mouse's body.

"Little Gold... You... You comprehended first level Lightning Concept?" Duan Ling Tian asked in surprise.

"Squeak!" The little gold mouse replied with a squeak as she nodded her head like a chick pecking on grains.

"It's because of that demon beast egg?" Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but recall that the demon beast egg he'd bid for in the Darkstone Empire's Imperial Family's auction house one month ago had emitted Advanced Lightning Force before its vitality died out.

One month later, Little Gold who'd consumed that demon beast egg one month ago had comprehended first level Lightning Concept, and this caused Duan Ling Tian to have no choice but to link the two together.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse nodded when she heard Duan Ling Tian's question.

"Looks like that demon beast egg wasn't wasted." At the same time that Duan Ling Tian let out a breath of air, slight pleasant surprise appeared on his face.

The first level Lightning Concept Little Gold had comprehended was an entire strength of 8,000 ancient mammoths more than the Advanced Lightning Force she comprehended before.

It was more terrifying that her cultivation breaking through!

As an eight level Void Prying Stage demon beast, when her Origin Energy completely exploded out was comparable to the strength of one ancient horned dragon and 1,000 ancient mammoths.

Presently, when the first level Lightning Concept was added on.

Without utilizing a spirit weapon, Little Gold was able to exert a strength of two ancient horned dragons and 1,000 ancient mammoths.

If she utilized a spirit weapon, the spirit weapon in the little gold mouse's possession was a grade four spirit weapon refined by Duan Ling Tian, and it was able to amplify strength by 60%.

Although this amplification could only affect her own strength, but the little gold mouse's own strength was still the strength of one ancient horned dragon and 1,000 ancient mammoths.

In other words, the grade four spirit sword in her possession was able to amplify her strength by the strength of 6,600 ancient mammoth.

"Presently, once Little Gold went all out, she would be able to exert the strength of two ancient horned dragons and 7,600 ancient mammoths... There's practically no demon beast or martial artist beneath the Void Initiation Stage that can defeat her! Even if there was one, it would be extremely rare." This was something that Duan Ling Tian firmly believed.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse transformed into a gold light and descended onto Duan Ling Tian's shoulder, and her pair of jade green eyes were filled with complacency.

"You little fellow... I truly never imagined that a dead egg bought for a mere one million gold was actually able to be transformed into such a great thing in your hands, and it assisted you in comprehending first level Lightning Concept." Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but sigh when he thought about what the little gold mouse went through.

"Little Gold, I intend to go on a long journey!" Duan Ling Tian looked at the little gold mouse as he spoke.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse instantly became excited

when she heard this. "Okay, okay... Big Brother Ling Tian, where're we going?"

"We're going to two cities... One of them is a comparatively special city in the Darkstone Empire; the other is a city in the Darkhan Dynasty." Duan Ling Tian spoke of his plan.

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian had gone to look for Chi Ming. "Vice Dean Chi, I'll be temporarily leaving for a period of time..."

When he saw Chi Ming frown and seem to want to say something, Duan Ling Tian said before him, "Don't worry Vice Dean Chi, I'll surely return, and I'll absolutely not miss the Young Genius Competition that's being held seven months from now." Since Duan Ling Tian had made a guarantee, it wasn't good for Chi Ming to continue persuading Duan Ling Tian.

"Take care," said Chi Ming

He was able to discern that Duan Ling Tian seemed to be in a hurry to leave, and Duan Ling Tian obviously had something urgent to do.

"Okay." Duan Ling Tian nodded before bringing along the little gold mouse and leaving directly.

He even didn't bid his farewells to Luo Zhan, Su Li, and Chen Shao Shuai.

Duan Ling Tian had only just left the courtyard when a person stealthily followed him.

"What does Duan Ling Tian want to do?" A middle aged man in luxurious clothes followed behind Duan Ling Tian, and his eyes flickered with an icy cold light.

"Prince Sheng!" But, he hadn't walked out a few steps when he heard an aged voice sound out from behind him.

Instantly, the body of the middle aged man stiffened.

"Revered Elder Chi." He knew that it was impossible for him to make a move against Duan Ling Tian, and at the same time that this caused him to feel slightly aggrieved, he was filled with helplessness.

"It's all because of that Azure Forest Tri-Sect not keeping their promises... Otherwise, Duan Ling Tian would have died long ago." When he thought of the Azure Forest Tri-Sect standing him up, he couldn't help but become infuriated.

He was born of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Imperial Family, and he possessed a high status.

Who dared stand him up!?

"What Azure Forest Tri-Sect, you even dare to play tricks on this Prince!?" Prince Sheng's expression was extremely gloomy.

Chi Ming silently looked at Prince Sheng's face that went gloomy, yet he didn't say anything.

He naturally knew of Prince Sheng's intentions.

However, Prince Sheng was the younger brother of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Emperor, after all. No matter how great of a crime Prince Sheng committed, it wasn't his place to correct Prince Sheng.

What he could do was to keep his eyes on Prince Sheng and protect Duan Ling Tian's safety.

Whoosh!

Presently, outside the Imperial City of Darkstone Empire, a gold light shot into the sky and vanished in the horizon in the blink of an eye.

Atop the layers of clouds, the gold light's speed doubled.

Rumble!

A wave of rumbling thunder that was deafening sounded out at practically the exact same moment, and the rumbling followed the

gold light to head towards the northeast.

The owner of the gold light was an enormous gold mouse.

The gold mouse was completely fluffy and looked to be extremely cute, and on the back of this enormous gold mouse was a violet clothed young man sitting cross-legged there.

The violet clothed young man sat there and cultivated silently.

This pair of man and mouse was precisely Duan Ling Tian and the little gold mouse.

After he'd notified Chi Ming, Duan Ling Tian had brought along the little gold mouse and left the Darkstone Empire's Imperial City at the first possible moment.

His time was limited.

"I only hope that the time of half a year is sufficient to allow me to find the Ageless Root..." Duan Ling Tian only had one goal when he left the Imperial City of Darkstone Empire this time.

It was to find the last secondary medicinal catalyst required to refine the Rebirth Pill, the Ageless Root!

So long as he found the Ageless Root, he would be able to successfully refine the Rebirth Pill.

One he refined the Rebirth Pill, his strength would advance by leaps and bound!

Not to mention surpassing Su Li, it wasn't impossible for him to surpass even the little gold mouse.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, where're we going now?" The little gold mouse's voice transmission entered into Duan Ling Tian's ears, and the immature voice of a young girl was graceful and pleasing to the ear.

Chapter 566: Treasure Gathering Pavilion

"Flourishing Summer City!" Duan Ling Tian's eyes flashed as he spoke slowly.

"Flourishing Summer City? What is that place?" The little gold mouse asked curiously.

"It's the largest trade city in the Darkstone Empire, and it's similar to the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Ancient City of Everlast... Supposedly, the Darkstone Empire's Flourishing Summer City is even more chaotic than the Ancient City of Everlast!" Duan Ling Tian continued. "So, if there isn't a necessity, you must not cause trouble for me... Do you understand?" As Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, his tone became slightly strict.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse cried out and agreed.

The Flourishing Summer City was situated in the northeast area of the Darkstone Empire.

The little gold mouse flew at full speed, and her speed wasn't inferior to a first level Void Initiation Stage martial artist.

Ten days later, Duan Ling Tian saw the outline of Flourishing Summer City.

The city walls on all four sides of Flourishing Summer City were completely pitch-black like ink.

The buildings within the city were practically all made of black bricks.

That day, the sky was dim as dark clouds had gathered on the horizon, and it enveloped the entire Flourishing Summer City within it.

When coupled with the Flourishing Summer City that was completely pitch-black, it gave people a feeling as if the city might crumble under the mass of dark clouds.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, this is the Flourishing Summer City?" The little gold mouse asked.

"Exactly... Find a place to descend to the ground outside the city and we'll enter." Duan Ling Tian nodded before notifying the little gold mouse.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian brought along the little gold mouse that had shrunk back to her small size and stood on his shoulder, and he walked into Flourishing Summer City with large strides.

The Flourishing Summer City was extremely big, and it wasn't inferior in the slightest towards the Darkstone Empire's Imperial City.

After he entered the city, a large road that was unusually wide

entered into his eyes.

Pedestrians came and went in continuous streams, and streams of carriages flowed without end.

It gave others an extremely flourishing feeling.

"As expected of the trade city that's second to none in the Darkstone Empire... In terms of how flourishing it is, even the Imperial City is unable to compare to it." Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but sigh with emotion.

Suddenly.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

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A wave of howls of the wind suddenly sounded out above Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian looked up and looked, and only now did he notice that there were many people flashing past low in the air, and their speeds were swift like a bolt of lightning.

Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force silently stretched out.

After a short moment, he'd detected the cultivations of these people.

Amongst these people, most of them were existences above the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage, and there were many existences at the Void Initiation Stage as well.

"An Empire isn't something an Imperial Kingdom can compare to." Duan Ling Tian sighed slightly with emotion.

But after Duan Ling Tian arrived here, he directly headed towards the center of the city.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, where're we going?" The little gold mouse was able to discern that Duan Ling Tian was moving with a destination in mind.

"You'll know soon." Duan Ling Tian didn't specify it and continued to walk forward with the little gold mouse.

In the end, Duan Ling Tian stopped moving before a luxurious building at the center of Flourishing Summer City.

Treasure Gathering Pavilion!

The luxurious building before Duan Ling Tian was beautifully decorated, and it occupied the best area of Flourishing Summer City. With just a look, one was able to know that it wasn't a business under a normal power.

Duan Ling Tian walked in with large strides.

This Treasure Gathering Pavilion was exactly his destination when he came to Flourishing Summer City this time.

"The Treasure Gathering Pavilion is a business under a formidable power in the Darkhan Dynasty, and there are branches in every Empire under the Darkhan Dynasty... Besides gathering treasures in the entire world, the Treasure Gathering Pavilion sold many treasures as well."

"The Treasure Gathering Pavilion disdained to gather ordinary treasures... Only spirit weapons that were grade five or above had the qualifications to enter the Treasure Gathering Pavilions! The Treasure Gathering Pavilion utterly took no fancy towards spirit weapons at grade six or below."

"Besides gathering and selling various treasures... The Treasure Gathering Pavilion also provided services like sale consignments. Of course, one could offer a reward as well!" Duan Ling Tian had inquired about all this in the Darkstone Empire's Imperial City.

He's come here precisely for the sake of offering a reward!

"Guest, may I know if you need something?" Duan Ling Tian had only just entered the Treasure Gathering Pavilion when an attendant moved over to greet him, and the attendant revealed a professional smile.

Duan Ling Tian's pupils couldn't help but constrict when he glanced at the attendant.

Heavens!

What did I see?

A mere attendant actually possesses a cultivation at the first level of the Void Prying Stage?

"This Treasure Gathering Pavilion deserves to be called a business under a formidable power in the Darkhan Dynasty... What extravagance!" Duan Ling Tian's heart was greatly shocked.

"I want to offer a reward," said Duan Ling Tian to the attendant.

"Offer a reward?" The attendant nodded at brought Duan Ling Tian to walk up to the second floor of the Treasure Gathering Pavilion and brought Duan Ling Tian to stand before a counter. "Guest, what are you offering a reward for? You can register it here." Before the counter stood a middle aged man with a calm expression, and he had an expressionless face.

"Fourth level Void Prying Stage!" When Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force stretched out, he noticed the middle aged man's cultivation at the first possible moment.

He never imagined that a martial artist that looked after a counter in the Treasure Gathering Pavilion had a cultivation that was similar to him.

"Guest, may I know what you want to offer a reward for?" The middle aged man looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked slowly.

"Ageless Root! I need to offer a reward for the Ageless Root." Duan Ling Tian's eyes squinted as he spoke resolute and decisively.

Ageless Root?

The middle aged man couldn't help but be stunned when he heard Duan Ling Tian. "Guest, please describe the characteristics of the thing you want... Besides that, if it's convenient, I hope that Guest can leave a drawing."

Obviously, the middle aged man didn't know what the Ageless Root was.

"Alright." Duan Ling Tian nodded, and after he casually spoke of the characteristics of the Ageless Root, he swung his hand to draw the Ageless Root on the white paper the middle aged man had prepared.

"It's this thing!" Duan Ling Tian looked at the middle aged man and spoke slowly.

"Guest, what are you offering as reward? Our Treasure Gathering

Pavilion only accepts treasures and doesn't accept money when one offers a reward for something." The middle aged man reminded.

Slap!

With a raise of his hand, a three foot long blade that flickered with an azure light appeared in Duan Ling Tian's hand, and he directly slapped it onto the counter. "The reward is this."

"A spirit weapon?" The middle aged man frowned as he said, "Guest, our Treasure Gathering Pavilion only accepts spirit weapons at grade five or above."

"How do you know it isn't a grade five spirit weapon?" Duan Ling Tian glanced indifferently at the middle aged man.

This person didn't even take a glance at the spirit weapon he took out, yet had hastily come to a conclusion. Wasn't he rather too hasty?

The middle aged man couldn't help but be stunned when he heard this.

When he looked at Duan Ling Tian for the first time, he'd looked down on Duan Ling Tian because of Duan Ling Tian's age.

After all, as far as he was concerned, a young man like this was probably unable to take out a spirit weapon that was grade five or

above.

But when he saw Duan Ling Tian's calmness now, the middle aged man realized that he might have underestimated the young man.

The middle aged man grabbed up the spirit sword Duan Ling Tian placed on the table, and his Origin Energy fused into it.

Instantly, 6,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes first appeared in the sky above the middle aged man, and then another 3,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared after it.

"This..." The middle aged man was dumbstruck when he saw this scene, and the attendant that brought Duan Ling Tian in was dumbstruck as well.

Heavens!

What have we seen?

"An amplification... An amplification of 59%!" The attendant fiercely gulped a mouthful of saliva, and he had a shocked expression.

"Grade... Grade four spirit sword!" The middle aged man gasped, and his gaze was completely different when he looked at Duan Ling Tian once more.

According to his knowledge, a grade four Weapons Craftsman seemed to not exist in the Darkstone Empire.

In other words, the grade four spirit sword that the young man before him took out was very likely to have been refined by a grade four Weapon Craftsman from the Darkhan Dynasty.

In the Darkhan Dynasty, people who were able to have a grade four Weapons Craftsman refine a grade four spirit weapon could be counted on one's fingers.

All of those existences were the leaders of the various great powers of the Darkhan Dynasty.

"This young man isn't simple!" The middle aged man's heart shook.

"How about it? Can this thing be the reward?" Duan Ling Tian asked indifferently, and he seemed as if he didn't notice the shock on the middle aged man's face.

"Yes, yes... Of course!" The middle aged man hurriedly nodded like a chick pecking on grains, then he recalled how he underestimated the young man earlier, and he was slightly embarrassed.

"That's good." Duan Ling Tian nodded. "Now, help me register it."

"Yes, yes." The middle aged man didn't dare dally as he hurriedly withdrew a jade ornament.

The middle of the jade ornament had an obvious crack.

Right when Duan Ling Tian was wondering why the middle aged man had withdrawn a broken jade ornament.

Snap!

The middle aged man pulled the jade ornament apart, keeping one half while giving the other half to Duan Ling Tian.

"Guest, when you come to our Treasure Gathering Pavilion next, then no matter if it's to take back your grade four spirit sword or to take back the item you placed a reward for... You have to use this authentication token to exchange for it." The middle aged man spoke to Duan Ling Tian with a serious expression.

Duan Ling Tian nodded, and received the half of the jade token and asked. "When should I come to confirm it?"

"At least three months of time. Guest can come take it after three months," said the middle aged man.

Because Duan Ling Tian took out a grade four spirit sword, a tremendous change had occurred to the attitude he had towards

Duan Ling Tian.

"Alright." Duan Ling Tian nodded, and then he asked. "I heard that when I offer something up as reward, your Treasure Gathering Pavilion required me to pay a certain amount of administration fees... I wonder how much I have to pay?"

The middle aged man said with a smile, "Guest, our Treasure Gathering has a rule that if a guest offers a spirit weapon of grade four or above as a reward, then the administration fee is waived."

Waived administration fee?

Duan Ling Tian was stunned.

There's even such a rule?

With a quick thought, Duan Ling Tian came to an understanding.

In the entire Darkhan Dynasty, a grade four spirit weapon was an extremely rare item.

The Treasure Gathering Pavilion taking care of a person that can take out a grade four spirit weapon to be offered up as a reward was understandable.

After all, a grade four spirit weapon normally represented a grade four Weapons Craftsman, whereas in the entire Darkhan Dynasty,

a grade four Weapons Craftsman was an extremely rare existence, an existence that was even rarer than a Void Interpretation Stage expert.

"Then I'll be troubling you." Duan Ling Tian nodded, and after he put away the jade token, he brought along the little gold mouse and left hastily.

After Duan Ling Tian left.

The middle aged man heaved a sigh of relief, and as he looked at the grade four spirit weapon, he muttered. "He was willing to take out a grade four spirit weapon to be offered up as a reward... Exactly what is that young man's background?"

Subsequently, the middle aged man raised his head to look at the nearby attendant, and he said with a low voice, "Quickly go report this to the Pavilion Master!"

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Chapter 567: Young Girl and Snakes

"Big Brother Ling Tian, you directly passed over a grade four spirit sword to him, aren't you afraid he will pocket it himself?" After leaving the Treasure Gathering Pavilion, the little gold mouse's voice transmission entered into Duan Ling Tian's ear.

"Pocket it?" Duan Ling Tian shook his head and smile. "In the territory of the Darkhan Dynasty, this Treasure Gathering Pavilion is known far and wide. They still have this little bit of trustworthiness... Not to mention, even if he wants to pocket it, he would need to have the courage to do so."

A grade four spirit sword was able to make people associate it with a grade four Weapons Craftsman, whereas, all the grade four Weapons Craftsmen in the Darkhan Dynasty were Masters that were revered by all.

There were very few people that dared offend them.

So, Duan Ling Tian didn't think that the Treasure Gathering Pavilion dared to pocket his grade four spirit sword.

Bang!

Suddenly, a loud band sounded out by Duan Ling Tian's ears.

Duan Ling Tian glanced over and saw a large and burly man who was half naked had smashed a middle aged man flying with a single

punch.

Subsequently, the burly man's arms stretched out and two morning stars appeared out of thin air before flashing out, and they seemed to have transformed into two shooting stars that smashed down towards the middle aged man.

Another loud bang sounded out, and the middle aged man was completely devoid of any signs of life.

His corpse was mangled and in an extremely tragic state.

"Ninth level of the Void Prying Stage?" The ancient horned dragon and thousands of ancient mammoth silhouettes above the burly man caused Duan Ling Tian to be unable to refrain from looking over.

Everywhere he passed, Duan Ling Tian saw a great deal of similar bloody scenes.

"The rumors aren't fake... This Darkstone Empire's Flourishing Summer City is indeed more chaotic than the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Ancient City of Everlast." Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but sigh with emotion.

On his way here, he'd moved all the way towards the Treasure Gathering Pavilion and didn't pay attention to the surroundings.

Now that he intended to leave, he paid attention to the

surroundings, and it allowed him to feel the brutality of Flourishing Summer City.

"Kid, hand over the Spatial Ring on your hand and the Goldfur Mouse... Otherwise, I'll make you die a graveless death!" The city gate was right before his eyes, yet Duan Ling Tian heard an arrogant voice sound out by his ears.

Subsequently, something flashed before Duan Ling Tian's eyes, and a tall and robust figure had appeared before him.

This was a robust man with three hideous scars that were like three centipedes on his face, and it was extremely shocking.

One of the scars even started from the left of his face, went past his nose and connected all the way to the right side of his face.

The saber scarred man held a large saber in his hand as he looked condescendingly at Duan Ling Tian, and his eyes that were large like copper gongs were filled with bloodiness and ruthlessness.

"Die a graveless death?" Duan Ling Tian's brows raised, and a wisp of disdain appeared on the corners of his mouth. "Just you?"

At the instant the saber scarred man appeared, Duan Ling Tian had used his acute Spiritual Force to detect the man's exact cultivation at the first possible moment...

Ninth level of the Void Prying Stage!

Similar to the burly man who held morning stars that Duan Ling Tian had seen earlier.

"Kid, you've enraged me!" The saber scarred man went completely berserk when faced with Duan Ling Tian's disdain, and he swung up the large saber in his hand before slashing it down towards Duan Ling Tian. "I'll slice you into mush!"

"Little Gold!" Duan Ling Tian's face was covered in a layer of ice as he shouted out in a light voice.

Instantly, a gold light flashed out from the shoulder of Duan Ling Tian who stood there unmoving like a mountain.

Swish!

An ear piercing and swift howl of the sword appeared out of thin air, and accompanying it was a light and ear piercing thunderclap.

In the next moment, the body of the saber scarred man who was charging towards Duan Ling Tian in full fury had stopped halfway towards Duan Ling Tian, and then it staggered.

"You... You..." The saber scarred man stared at Duan Ling Tian as a wisp of terror suffused his eyes.

Subsequently, a bloody hole abruptly appeared on his throat.

Dazzling and resplendent fresh blood sprayed out from the bloody hole, and it flowed ceaselessly as if it wasn't worth anything.

Bang!

Finally, the saber scarred man couldn't hold on any longer, and his large eyes that were like copper eyes were sprung wide open as he crashed onto the ground without a sign of life.

Dead.

"Squeak squeak~" Right at this moment, accompanied by a wave of sharp cries, the gold light flashed past one more and the little gold mouse had returned to Duan Ling Tian's shoulder.

"Let's go!" Duan Ling Tian glanced indifferently at the surrounding people that were dumbstruck, and he brought the little gold mouse as he headed out of the city.

Everywhere he passed, there wasn't a single person who dared go against him.

"Lightning... First level Lightning Concept!" Someone only recovered from their shock after Duan Ling Tian's figure vanished before their eyes, and the person exclaimed out with a low voice.

"That demon beast is so terrifying... It has actually comprehended Lightning Concept!" The crowd of people nearby the city gate of Flourishing Summer City were astounded.

"Saber Scar is really unfortunate this time, he offended an existence he shouldn't."

"Yeah, Saber Scar's strength can be considered to be not bad... But before that mouse type demon beast, it wasn't worth mentioning, and he didn't have the slightest strength to fight back.

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Many people looked at the corpse of the saber scarred man on the ground, and they shook their heads, whereas outside Flourishing Summer City, Duan Ling Tian sat onto the back of the little gold mouse that had enlarged herself, and they continued forward.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, where're we going now?" The little gold mouse asked.

"The Darkhan Dynasty!" Duan Ling Tian's eyes flashed as he spoke word by word.

Darkhan Dynasty?

The little gold mouse's jade green eyes lit up when she heard this. "The Darkhan Dynasty surely has many tasty things."

"You little fellow, what else do you know besides eating?" The corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth twitched slightly.

"Hehe... Big Brother Ling Tian, where's the Darkhan Dynasty?" The little gold mouse asked.

"North." Duan Ling Tian looked towards the north as he guided the little gold mouse.

Whoosh!

Instantly, the little gold mouse's figure flashed out while accompanied by a wave of deafening thunderclaps to head towards the north, whereas Duan Ling Tian instead sat silently on the back of the little gold mouse, closing his eyes to cultivate.

Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique, Lightning Wyrms Force!

"Presently, my cultivation only lacks a bit before it's sufficient to break through to the fifth level of the Void Prying Stage..." Duan Ling Tian thought in his heart as the Origin Energy in his body flowed tirelessly.

Three days later.

The Origin Energy in Duan Ling Tian's body roiled as they gathered together and flashed towards the final bottleneck of the

fourth level of the Void Prying Stage.

Bang!

The vast Origin Energy charged at the bottleneck, causing the bottleneck to loosen up.

"Still a little bit more." Duan Ling Tian didn't hesitate to gather his Origin Energy once more, and then charge at the bottleneck a second time.

Bang!

He was still unable to charge through the bottleneck on his second try.

Bang!

The third.

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Time after time, until the ninth time.

Bang!

Duan Ling Tian's Origin Energy instantly charged through the

bottleneck, whereas, right at this instant, a tremendous qualitative change occurred in his Origin Energy.

"I've broken through!" Duan Ling Tian abruptly opened his eyes that flickered with a flowing light, and it was like a dazzling star in the night sky, causing everything in the surroundings to be cast into the shade.

Fifth level of the Void Prying Stage!

Under his excitement, the Origin Energy on Duan Ling Tian's body skyrocketed and seemed to have transformed into an enormous ball of flames.

In the sky, 7,000 lifelike ancient mammoth silhouettes condensed into form.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, you've broken through?" The little gold mouse's immature and naïve voice that was like a young girl sounded out in Duan Ling Tian's ears in a timely manner.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian lightly smiled as he nodded. "Little Gold, you have to work hard... Otherwise, the day will come where I'll surpass you!"

"Hehe... I surely won't allow Big Brother Ling Tian to surpass me! I'm not far away from the ninth level of the Void Prying Stage," said the little gold mouse via voice transmission, and her tone was filled with confidence.

"We'll see!" Duan Ling Tian's eyes slightly narrowed.

He believed that so long as he was able to refine the Rebirth Pill, it wouldn't take long for him to surpass the little gold mouse.

"Unfortunately, there's only one Rebirth Pill and it can't be consumed in parts. Otherwise, its medicinal strength would be reduced greatly!" Duan Ling Tian sighed in his heart.

Otherwise, if he let the little gold mouse consume the Rebirth Pill as well, he would have a great assistance by his side.

With the little gold mouse's current strength, once she consumed the Rebirth Pill, she would surely be even more terrifying.

"Never mind, no matter how strong Little Gold is, she's only an external source of strength for me in the end. There are many times when I can only rely on myself after all!" Duan Ling Tian knew clearly in his heart that only when he himself possessed an extremely formidable strength would he be able to be considered a true expert.

"Rebirth Pill! Ageless Root..." Duan Ling Tian looked towards the direction of the Darkhan Dynasty, and his mood surged.

When Duan Ling Tian was heading towards the Darkhan Dynasty.

At the southwest area of the Darkstone Empire.

A swift flowing light flashed past from the horizon and headed directly south.

Above the clouds and mist, a young girl in yellow clothed who was extraordinary soared in the sky.

The young girl's beautiful face that was like carved jade was sufficient to make anyone to feel tender and protective towards her.

"Hiss hiss~" Suddenly, restless sounds sounded out from beneath the young girl's sleeve.

The young girl slowed down.

She raised her delicate hand and grabbed out two little pythons from beneath her sleeve.

The two little pythons were black and white respectively.

On the body of the black colored little python was bright gold striations that flickered with a dazzling sheen.

On its head was a gold colored horn that was extremely sharp, and it flickered with a frightful cold light.

The white colored little python on the other hand wasn't much different to the black colored little python, and the only difference was that the striations on its body and horn on its head was silver in color.

"Hiss hiss~" The two little pythons coiled around the young girl's white wrist, their eyes stared ahead with concentration, and their eyes flickered with traces of humanlike reminiscence.

"Little Black, Little White... The both of you are thinking about Big Brother Ling Tian again?" The yellow clothed young girl lightly rubbed the little heads of the two little pythons, and she asked with a light smile.

The two little pythons lightly nodded, and their soft bodies were excited to the point they started trembling.

Swish! Swish!

Suddenly, the two little pythons flashed out, transforming into two extremely swift bolts of lightning that headed straight towards the south.

In the blink of an eye, they'd vanished before the yellow clothed young girl.

"Little Black, Little White... Wait for me!" The young girl followed up, and her graceful figure chased up to the two little pythons in the blink of an eye.

"Hiss hiss~" The sharp eyes of the two little pythons shone, and they were anxious to return home as soon as possible.

It wasn't long before the yellow clothed young girl and the two little pythons left the territory of the Darkstone Empire and entered the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

"Qing Nu probably wouldn't notice that we've already left for some time... I must properly have fun outside this time." The yellow clothed young girl brought along the two little pythons and directly headed to the south of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

Not long after, seven mountains that were like sharp sword that shot into the sky had appeared before the eyes of the young girl.

"Hiss hiss~" Meanwhile, the two little pythons seemed as if they'd taken stimulants, and they were extremely excited.

"Hmm?" The young girl in yellow clothes stood in the sky above the seven great sword peaks, and as she looked at the cloud and mist that roiled beneath her, her beautiful brows frowned.

Whoosh!

Right at this moment, an enormous figure swept away the clouds and mist to appear before the eyes of the young girl and the two little pythons.

Chapter 568: Blessing In Disguise

It was an extremely enormous Roc that circled up from below the clouds and mist.

The Roc's wings that were like clouds that covered the sky were spread out, and its imposing manner shot into the sky like a rainbow.

The Roc's fierce eyes were staring fixedly at the yellow clothed young girl that was high above in the sky.

"Eh." The yellow clothed young girl noticed the Roc and was slightly surprised. "I never expected that I would be able to meet a demon beast with the bloodline of the Goldwing Grand Roc..."

Goldwing Grand Roc!

The Roc's eyes squinted when he heard the yellow clothed young girl, and he said via voice transmission. "Little girl, who are you? You're actually able to notice that I possess the bloodline of the Goldwing Grand Roc."

"You wouldn't know even if I tell you." The yellow clothed young girl's gaze passed through the clouds and mist to descend onto a sword peak at the side of the seven great sword peaks. "Alright, I'm not going to continue talking with you, I want to go look for Big Brother Ling Tian." As she spoke, the yellow clothed young girl flashed down.

Big Brother Ling Tian?

The Roc was stunned, and then he asked via voice transmission, "Are you talking about Duan Ling Tian?"

"You know Big Brother Ling Tian?" The young girl stopped moving and looked at the Roc.

"Of course I know him... But, he isn't here anymore." When the Roc saw that the person that had arrived was likely to be a friend of Duan Ling Tian's, the fierceness in his eyes vanished slightly.

"He isn't here anymore?" The young girl was stunned.

"Hiss hiss~" Right at this moment, two little heads stuck out from beneath the young girl's sleeve, and they flicked their tongues as their eyes flickered with slight disappointment.

"Do you know where Big Brother Ling Tian has gone?" The young girl asked.

"I only know that he went to the Crimson Sky Kingdom more than two years ago," said the Roc.

All that he spoke of now was something he heard from Qin Xiang.

As for where Duan Ling Tian had gone now, he knew nothing of

it.

"Crimson Sky Kingdom..." The young girl nodded, and then she raised her hand as she flashed out. "Little Black, Little White, we're going to the Crimson Sky Kingdom to look for Big Brother Ling Tian!"

"Hiss hiss~" The two little pythons instantly became excited and joyful.

The Roc's pupils constricted as he looked at the yellow clothed young girl vanishing in the blink of an eye, and his feelings surged.

A young girl around the age of 16 actually possesses such a terrifying cultivation?

It caused him to be unable to help from arousing terror in his heart.

"What kind of people does that fellow, Duan Ling Tian, know?" The Roc muttered in his heart.

The Darkhan Dynasty was vast without bounds.

Even if the little gold mouse was flying at full speed now.

After they entered the Darkhan Dynasty, Duan Ling Tian didn't see a trace of human habitation for a continuous two months of

time.

Everything that entered his eye was a boundless desert.

"We wouldn't have come to the Darkhan Dynasty's southern desert, right?" Duan Ling Tian sat on the back of the little gold mouse, and as he looked down at the boundless desert, he revealed a bitter smile on his face.

He'd head of the southern desert of the Darkhan Dynasty.

Supposedly, the southern desert was a desolate place.

Not only were signs of human habitation rare in the desert, even wild beasts, fierce beasts, and demon beasts were extremely rare.

It could be said that the southern desert was an undeveloped region.

Originally, even if it was undeveloped, as the territory of the Darkhan Dynasty, it ought to not be so desolate.

However, in this region of the Darkhan Dynasty, there was a thing that caused even Nether Interpretation Stage experts to tremble upon hearing of it, and that was the sandstorm!

A sandstorm came from nature, and its might was boundless.

If it was a strong sandstorm, then even a Void Interpretation Stage expert would be unable to flee death when encountering it.

Although a Void Interpretation Stage expert's strength wasn't weak, before the force of nature, it was instead like an ant that wasn't worth mentioning.

"I wouldn't have really arrived at the southern desert, right?" Duan Ling Tian laughed bitterly and prayed secretly. "I hope that I won't encounter the sandstorm that's specific to the southern desert of the Darkhan Dynasty..."

"Little Gold, continue flying towards this direction and we'll sooner or later be able to leave this desert," said Duan Ling Tian to the little gold mouse.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse replied and continued flying forward swiftly.

Three days later.

Duan Ling Tian originally had his eyes closed as he cultivated, yet suddenly, a wave of unusually fierce winds assaulted his face.

As a martial artist who'd comprehended Half-step Advanced Wind Force, Duan Ling Tian had extremely acute intuition towards wind.

This was something that the little gold mouse was unable to

compare to him.

"It wouldn't be such a coincidence, right?" Duan Ling Tian looked ahead as he muttered.

Not long after, Duan Ling Tian expression completely went grim.

Because he saw the at the end of the desert before him, sand had suddenly surged up to cover the sky, and it continued to flash towards the direction of him and Little Gold.

The sand arrived nearby in a short moment.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian was able to sense a wave of terrifying fierce winds blow over, and it caused the little gold mouse to be unable to move an inch.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

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Fierce winds blew in the distance, and the sand that covered the sky was accompanied by a terrifying tornado as it swept over.

Everywhere it passed, the ground on the desert cracked open, and the airflow in the sky moved swiftly and emitted a wave of ear piercing sounds of air exploding.

"Little Gold, turn around! Flee!!" Duan Ling Tian recovered from his shock and hurriedly shouted out explosively.

At practically the instant Duan Ling Tian spoke, the little gold mouse had turned around and flashed out towards where they came from.

"Flee! Flee!!" Duan Ling Tian felt the sandstorm behind him approaching, and his expression was unsightly to the extreme.

At this moment, the band that held Duan Ling Tian's hair behind him had broken, his hair fluttered lightly with the wind as the violet clothes on him were swept by the wind to the point they emitted flapping sounds.

The fierce winds grew closer and closer!

Even if the little gold mouse moved at full speed, it seemed that it would still be difficult for her to flee from the pursuit of the sandstorm.

"I really am a jinx..." When he thought about what he prayed for three days ago, Duan Ling Tian wished for nothing more than to slap himself.

The good didn't come true, yet the bad did.

Presently, the sandstorm behind him was practically boundless.

With the little gold mouse's speed, they were utterly had no place to flee.

"The speed of this sandstorm is probably sufficient to compare to the speed of an ordinary fourth level Void Initiation Stage martial artist..."

Perhaps, this level of sandstorm was nothing in the eyes of a Void Interpretation Stage expert, but in the eyes of Duan Ling Tian, it was comparable to a dreadful monster that would swallow him at any moment.

"Little Gold, flee towards the left! Quickly!" Duan Ling Tian turned around, and after he clearly saw the direction of the sandstorm with a focused gaze, he hurriedly urged the little gold mouse.

Whoosh!

The little gold mouse didn't hesitate in the slightest to flash towards the left.

However, the speed of the sandstorm was truly too swift.

The little gold mouse was utterly unable to leave the area the sandstorm swept through before it chased up to them.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, I've tried my best." The immature voice of the little gold mouse was filled with helplessness.

"I never imagined that our luck would be so good that we'd encounter the sandstorm of the Darkhan Dynasty's southern desert the first time we came to the Darkhan Dynasty!" Duan Ling Tian smiled bitterly.

Right at this moment, the sandstorm came closer and closer, and it was only a mile away from Duan Ling Tian and the little gold mouse.

Whoosh!

The little gold mouse flew desperately, yet in the end, they still were swallowed by the sandstorm.

"Little Gold!" Duan Ling Tian felt a fierce wind assault him from behind, and accompanying it was sand that covered the sky that completely covered his field of vision.

Not only that, at this moment, he felt he'd lost control of his entire body, and he was brought along by an extremely strong fierce wind to revolve in midair, and it caused him to feel dizzy.

Duan Ling Tian's body tensed as the Origin Energy on his body swept up, and the Half-step Advanced Wind Force and Half-step Advanced Lightning Force suffused out after it.

Even though he'd done this, Duan Ling Tian was still unable to withstand the fierce winds that enveloped him.

His Origin Energy and Force was shattered by the fierce winds swept out and hit him.

Gradually, Duan Ling Tian abandoned resistance, and he allowed the sandstorm to bring him flying.

"Little Gold! Little Gold!" Of course, Duan Ling Tian didn't forget about the little gold mouse.

But no matter how he shouted, his voice was reversed back by the sandstorm and it entered into his ears.

The little gold mouse had completely vanished.

"I hope Little Gold is fine." Duan Ling Tian said in his heart.

Time slowly passed by.

Duan Ling Tian didn't know how long had passed as he didn't have the mood to count the time.

Presently, he was swept flying by the sandstorm, and he could only use his Half-step Advanced Wind Force and fuse it into the fierce winds of the sandstorm to search for a way to conform with the winds.

The outcome of doing this was that it allowed Duan Ling Tian to escape disaster and not be minced by the sandstorm.

"Little Gold's strength far surpasses mine, and she has even comprehended first level Lightning Concept. She ought to be fine." As he felt the sandstorm was ceaselessly weakening, Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

When he thought about this, Duan Ling Tian's heart stopped worrying, and he wasn't so irritable as before.

After he stopped worrying, Duan Ling Tian started to observe the sandstorm.

The sandstorm was mainly formed by the sweeping fierce winds that covered the sky, and the sand within it had only arisen along with the wind.

Its essence was the wind.

The fierce winds swept and slapped onto Duan Ling Tian's tattered clothes, and slapped onto his face.

Duan Ling Tian's whose eyes were closed and allowed the fierce winds to take him flying had gradually seemed to have fused into the fierce winds.

"Wind..." At this moment, Duan Ling Tian's comprehension towards Wind Force transformed.

Duan Ling Tian's mind had completely fused into Wind Force, and he's completely forgotten about the outside world.

"Wind, is sufficient to sweep through everything! Just like the fierce wind in this sandstorm that's strong to the extreme. Even a Void Interpretation Stage expert or a Void Transformation Stage expert wouldn't be able to withstand it in the slightest." Duan Ling Tian silently thought in his heart.

Bang!

Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian felt his entire body jolt, and his internal organs trembled.

When he opened his eyes, he noticed that the sandstorm had already vanished, and only the slight breeze that blew ceaselessly remained.

He didn't have the time to think about where he'd been blown to, he stood up and unclenched his fists.

On the surface of his body, strands of azure energy suddenly condensed into form and suffused out.

Wind Force!

At the same time, 2,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes condensed into form above Duan Ling Tian.

"My Wind Force has finally entered the Advanced Stage!" Duan Ling Tian's feelings surged as he revealed an expression of wild joy.

He was already extremely fortunate that he didn't die from encountering the sandstorm this time.

Yet he never imagined that he would actually profit from this misfortune and comprehend Advanced Wind Force from the fierce winds in the sandstorm.

Comprehending Advanced Wind Force also meant that Duan Ling Tian's strength had advanced a level higher.

After his wild joy, Duan Ling Tian calmed down.

"Where's Little Gold?" Only now did Duan Ling Tian think of the little gold mouse, and he started to search around everywhere.

Chapter 569: Zhu Qing

Whirlwind!

Whirlwind!

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Duan Ling Tian's figure flashed as he searched all around.

In the end, he noticed that there wasn't a trace of the little gold mouse, and this caused him to feel rather helpless.

"I wonder where Little Gold is?" Duan Ling Tian was slightly worried.

Although he could confirm that the little gold mouse ought to have no been harmed by the sandstorm, but the hearts of men were dangerous. If Little Gold encountered other martial artists, it would be a potential danger to her.

It was fine if it was a weak martial artist, but he was afraid that Little Gold would encounter a formidable martial artist.

"Presently, I utterly don't know what place this is." Duan Ling Tian looked at his surroundings, and only a boundless desert entered his eyes, a desert whose bounds were too far for the eye to see.

He didn't know from which direction did the sandstorm blow him from, nor did he know where the little gold mouse was blown to now.

"I'll extend the area and look around the surroundings to see if I can find Little Gold's tracks... If it's really not possible, then I can only first leave this desert myself." Duan Ling Tian had a plan in his heart.

Whoosh!

Duan Ling Tian soared up into the sky with Origin Energy flashing beneath his legs, and his Origin Energy was accompanied by his Advanced Wind Force and Half-step Advanced Lightning Force as he flew out.

Even though his speed was inferior to the little gold mouse, it wasn't slow in the slightest.

"Hmm?" It wasn't long before Duan Ling Tian noticed there were people ahead.

In the distance, three black dots had appeared in the desert before Duan Ling Tian.

When he approached and took a look, it was a young girl that was a little over 20 and two middle aged men.

The woman wore beautiful clothes, and she obviously had an extraordinary background.

As for the two middle aged men, they wore similar clothes, and they were obviously the subordinates by the young girl's side.

Presently, the three of them were fatigued from travel, and they were in an extremely sorry state.

"These three people were probably affected by the sandstorm as well." Duan Ling Tian guessed in his heart.

"You... What do both of you want to do?" Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian heard the sharp cry of the young girl.

Subsequently, he saw that the middle aged men who seemed to be subordinates had stopped the young girl from both front and back, and both of them revealed frenzied expressions.

"Both of you have gone mad!" The young girl had a livid expression that was extremely unsightly.

"We haven't gone mad." One of the middle aged men revealed a frenzied smile. "Second Young Miss, the Eldest Young Master usually doesn't take us to be people... Although you never said it yourself, all of us know that you never took us to be people either!"

"Exactly! Today, the sandstorm can be considered to have fulfilled our wishes... We'll kill you, Second Young Miss, today and

seize all the wealth within your Spatial Ring, and from today onwards, we'll go away to a faraway place!" The other middle aged man walked step by step towards the young girl, and his eyes revealed an unusual sheen.

"Perhaps, we don't even have to go far away... We'll say that we never saw Second Young Miss! The sandstorm broke us up from the Eldest Young Master. Who would know that we were with Second Young Miss?" The middle aged man before her spoke out again.

"You... Both of you... Don't act recklessly! I can give both of you anything you want... So long as the both of you send me back, I can make my father and older brother reward both of you properly."

"The wealth within my Spatial Ring is limited, I can make my father and older brother reward the both of you with even more!" The young girl said in panic.

"Second Young Miss, we aren't three year old kids... We know that once we send you back, we're dead for sure!"

"Second Young Miss, although we're greedy, we wouldn't joke around with our lives."

The two middle aged men obviously didn't believe the young girl, and they walked step by step closer to the young girl, and a saber appeared in their hands.

Origin Energy flickered on their sabers as 1,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared in the sky above them...

"Two ninth level Void Prying Stage martial artists!" Duan Ling Tian looked down at the three people beneath his feet, and his brows raised.

As for that young girl, although she didn't reveal her cultivation, Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force stretched out and it still detected her cultivation at the first possible moment.

Seventh level of the Nascent Soul Stage.

Before these two middle aged men, she didn't have the slightest ability to resist.

Om! Om!

Saber lights flashed out from the sabers in the hands of both the middle aged men, and they attacked the young girl in unison.

Under the pincer attack of these two ninth level Nascent Soul Stage martial artists, the young girl's expression went ghastly pale, and she even forgot to resist.

"Hmph!" Right at this moment, a cold snort sounded out from the horizon.

Bang!

An enormous bang sounded out, the two middle aged men were directly blasted flying, and they had ghastly pale expressions as they spat out blood violently before falling to the ground in a sorry state.

They struggled to stand up, and their expressions were gloomy as they looked at the violet clothed youth that stood before the young girl.

"Who are you? Why are you interfering in our business?" One of the middle aged men asked in a low voice.

"Scram!" The person that lent a hand to the young girl was naturally Duan Ling Tian.

Although the young girl was unrelated to Duan Ling Tian, those two ruthless subordinates by her side aroused disgust in Duan Ling Tian.

So, he lent a hand.

Moreover, according to his guess, the young girl ought to be someone from the surroundings of the desert.

After all, it was impossible for a Nascent Soul Stage martial artist to rashly enter into the Darkhan Dynasty's southern desert.

Presumable, the young girl knew the way in the desert, and she knew how to walk out of the desert in the shortest amount of time.

Walking out of the desert was the thing that Duan Ling Tian wanted to do the most right now.

When the two middle aged men heard Duan Ling Tian's stern shout, their bodies trembled, and their eyes were filled with terror.

They didn't dare hesitate, and they fled away in panic.

"Why didn't you kill them?" Right at this moment, the questioning voice of the young girl sounded out by Duan Ling Tian's ear.

The young girl's voice was filled with unwillingness.

Duan Ling Tian glanced indifferently at the young girl. "I don't have the duty to kill them for you... Besides that, this is the attitude you have towards the person that saved your life?"

Although the young girl's appearance wasn't bad, she was still quite inferior when compared with his fiancées, Ke Er and Li Fei.

The young girl's face froze when she heard this.

"Thank you, benefactor." The young girl took a deep breath and

expressed her gratitude, yet a grim light was contained in the depths of her eyes.

Duan Ling Tian naturally noticed this.

"Looks like there was a reason why those two people wanted to kill young girl... I saved her, yet she's still displeased towards me in her heart! Just because I didn't kill those two subordinates?" At this moment, Duan Ling Tian didn't have a favorable impression towards the young girl at all.

If it wasn't for him wanting the young girl to bring him out of the desert, he would have probably left since long ago.

"Benefactor, I hope that you can protect me to leave the southern desert... So long as I return to my Clan, I'll surely give you a generous reward as thanks!" The young girl looked at Duan Ling Tian and spoke slowly.

She was obviously afraid that the two middle aged men would return.

"Okay." Duan Ling Tian nodded indifferently and didn't refuse.

The young girl's request just happened to conform with his intentions.

As for the generous reward she spoke of, he didn't care about it.

When she saw Duan Ling Tian agreeing so readily, a wisp of disdain flashed imperceptibly in the depths of the young girl's eyes.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian followed behind the young girl and headed forward with her.

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian found out about the young girl's earlier experience from her.

So it turned that the young girl was returning with her older brother from a city that was at the side of the southern desert a few days ago.

They had to pass through a corner of the southern desert to return home.

Unexpectedly, they'd encountered a sandstorm on the way, and it broke them up.

Duan Ling Tian had seen what had happened after that.

"Those two servants are ungrateful bastards! They eat from our Zhu Clan, yet dare arouse malicious intentions towards me, they truly deserve death." When mentioning the two middle aged men, the young girl's pretty face was filled with rage.

Duan Ling Tian listened silently, and his expression remained unchanged.

Five days later, under the lead of the young girl, Duan Ling Tian finally arrived at the edge of the desert.

An oasis appeared before Duan Ling Tian.

The young girl looked at Duan Ling Tian and said, "Duan Ling Tian, our Zhu Clan is in Abundance City that's up ahead."

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

During these past few days, he'd found out about the young girl's identity.

She was the daughter from a well-known family.

Zhu Qing.

"Our Zu Clan is a famous great Clan of Abundance City... This time, although you let those two servants go, but you saved me, after all. My father and older brother ought to not blame you," Zhu Qing said to Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian frowned.

Won't blame me?

And it's only an ought to?

The corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth curled into a cold smile.

Looks like this Zhu Qing had really taken the matter of him lending a hand to save her as a matter of course.

It wasn't long before a medium sized city appeared before Duan Ling Tian's eyes.

The reason this city was medium to him was that it was bigger than many of the cities that Duan Ling Tian had seen, yet it was smaller than many cities.

Abundance City!

Duan Ling Tian followed behind Zhu Qing and walked into Abundance City.

In next to no time, the two of them arrived before an estate that occupied a vast area.

Duan Ling Tian's gaze was sharp and with a glance, he'd seen the plaque that hung on the door to the estate...

Zhu Clan!

"Second Young Miss!" Meanwhile, the two guards outside the Zhu Clan Estate's door revealed a pleasantly surprised expression when they saw Zhu Qing.

"Second Young Miss, you're finally returned... The Patriarch and Eldest Young Master almost went mad with anxiety during these past two days!" Said one of the guards.

Zhu Qing nodded and brought Duan Ling Tian along to walk into the Zhu Clan Estate.

At the Audience Hall of the Zhu Clan Estate, Duan Ling Tian saw the Zhu Clan's Patriarch and the Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master.

"Father!" Zhu Qing threw herself into the Zhu Clan Patriarch's embrace, and her tears dropped down like the rain. "Your daughter was almost unable to see Father again..." Zhu Qing emitted sobbing sounds as she spoke.

The Zhu Clan Patriarch's face went gloomy. "Qing, exactly what happened?"

"Qing, was it this kid that bullied you?" The Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master looked at Duan Ling Tian instead, and his gaze revealed a cold light as he stared at Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian frowned.

If he wanted to harm Zhu Qing, then at the instant he walked out of the desert and Zhu Qing had lost any value to him, he would have already killed Zhu Qing.

"Father, it was Wang Zhu and Li Gong... After the sandstorm broke me and Big Brother up, that Wang Zhu and Li Gong were at my side. They wanted to kill me and seize my Spatial Ring!" As she finished speaking, Zhu Qing's tears dripped down to the ground.

"What?! Those two servants were so audacious?" The Zhu Clan's Patriarch and Eldest Young Master had enraged expression.

The Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master's eyes even shot out ghastly cold lights. "Damnable servants!"

"So in this way, it was he who saved you?" The Zhu Clan Patriarch looked at Duan Ling Tian with a calm gaze, and it was as if he wasn't facing the person that had saved his daughter's life, but more like he was facing a stranger.

"Yes." Zhu Qing nodded.

"Did he kill that Wang Zhu and Li Gong for you?" The Zhu Clan Eldest Young Master asked.

Zhu Qing shook her head.

Chapter 570: Demanding An Exorbitant Price

"No?" The Zhu Clan's Patriarch and Eldest Young Master's expressions became grim in unison.

After they found out about the sequence of events, they wished for nothing more than to tear two Zhu Clan servants into pieces.

Now, when they heard someone had let those two servants go, boundless flames of rage arose in both of their hearts!

"Why did you let them go?" The Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master looked at Duan Ling Tian as he asked with a low voice.

His words had no lack of a questioning tone.

Although the Zhu Clan's Patriarch didn't speak, the gaze he shot at Duan Ling Tian had become slightly colder.

At this moment, this pair of father and son seemed to have completely forgotten that if it wasn't for Duan Ling Tian lending a hand, the Zhu Clan's Young Miss, Zhu Qing, would have already become a soul under the sabers of those two Zhu Clan servants.

Duan Ling Tian frowned when he heard the questioning tone in the Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master's words, and he said indifferently, "Who I let go doesn't seem to be your business,

right?"

"It's naturally none of my business if you let any other person off... But you let off two servants that wanted to kill my sister, and it's undoubtedly an act of looking down on my Zhu Clan!" The Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master shouted with a grim voice.

Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but be stunned when he heard the words of the Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master.

When he saved Zhu Qing, he seemed to have utterly not know of the existence of the Zhu Clan, right?

Moreover, even if he knew of the existence of the Zhu Clan, then so what about it?

Is it the place of the Zhu Clan to dictate how he does things?

"Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master, right?" Duan Ling Tian looked calmly at the Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master, and he said in a clear voice, "Don't you forget that if I didn't lend a hand, this sister of yours would have already died in the desert now... Yet now, you're denouncing my crimes?"

Duan Ling Tian's words caused the expression of the Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master to freeze, yet the rage in his eyes didn't show any signs of dispersing.

"Not to mention I didn't know of the existence of your Zhu Clan

before this... Even if I did, then so what if I look down on your Zhu Clan?" Duan Ling Tian continued.

As he finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian has an expression of ridicule. "Could it be that a clan that treats a benefactor like this wants others to respect them? Laughable!"

Laughable!

Duan Ling Tian's words caused the Zhu Clan's Patriarch and the others to be dumbstruck.

"You... You're courting death!" The Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master was the first to recover from his shock, the Origin Energy on his body skyrocketed, and his imposing manner shot into the sky like a rainbow as he charged towards Duan Ling Tian.

In the sky, 4,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes condensed into form.

"Third level of the Void Prying Stage?" The corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth revealed a wisp of disdain.

"Enough." It was at this moment that an indifferent voice sounded out.

It was the Zhu Clan's Patriarch that had stopped his son. "He's right. He saved your sister's life, after all, and our Zhu Clan can't treat a benefactor like this."

Although the Zhu Clan's Patriarch said this, the gaze he shot at Duan Ling Tian was icy cold and indifferent to the extreme, and he had an overbearing expression.

"Hmph!" The Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master snorted coldly, and then he glared at Duan Ling Tian. "Count yourself lucky!"

"I thank you for saving my daughter's life." The Zhu Clan's Patriarch nodded to Duan Ling Tian, and then he said indifferently, "But we still have some business to attend to, I'm afraid we can't entertain you any longer... Please show yourself out."

Duan Ling Tian started laughing.

Initially, he'd indeed intended to turn around and leave.

But the attitude of the Zhu Clan father and son had caused him to feel extreme displeasure.

Saving a person, yet it caused a problem for me?

If the Zhu Clan's Patriarch had politely asked him to leave, he wouldn't say a single word and leave, and he'd absolutely not stay for a single moment longer.

After all, he'd never thought of getting any benefit from the Zhu

Clan.

But the Zhu Clan's current attitude caused him to feel that if he didn't take some benefits from them, then it would seem to be unworthy of the Zhu Clan's 'warm reception.'

"Zhu Clan's Young Miss." Duan Ling Tian looked at Zhu Qing who stood nearby with a cold and indifferent expression, and he grinned. "If memory serves... After I saved you that day, you'd once promised me that after I send you back to the Zhu Clan, you'd surely give me a generous reward!"

"Now, I've sent you home... Shouldn't you fulfil your promise and give me a generous reward?" Duan Ling Tian spoke word by word. "I presume that Zhu Clan's Young Miss wouldn't go back on her promise, right?"

"You... You..." Zhu Qing's pretty face flushed red, yet she was at a loss for words.

She seemed to have indeed promised this, yet all this was only the polite words she'd spoken at that time.

She had an extremely complicated feeling towards the 'benefactor' that let off the two servants that wanted to kill her, and she'd never thought of generously rewarding this benefactor.

Now, the young man had raised this matter himself, and it caused her to be both angry and irritated.

There's actually such a thick-skinned person in this world?

Duan Ling Tian's words caused the faces of the Zhu Clan's Patriarch and Eldest Young Master to sink.

"Kid, you arbitrarily let off those two filthy servants that wanted to kill my sister, yet you still want my Zhu Clan to generously reward you?" The Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master spoke with a low voice.

His tone contained explosive rage.

"Zhu Clan Eldest Young Master, your words are mistake." Duan Ling Tian shook his head. "Zhu Clan Eldest Young Master, think about it properly... Saving your sister is already an extremely great favor to your Zhu Clan! As for if I killed those two people or not, that isn't my duty.

"Of course, if your Zhu Clan feels that the life of your Young Miss isn't worth anything and don't reward me generously, it's fine as well. I'll leave right away." Duan Ling Tian glanced indifferently at the Zhu Clan's Patriarch and Eldest Young Master, and the corners of his mouth curled into a ridiculing smile as he turned around and intended to leave.

"Wait!" Right at this moment, the Zhu Clan's Patriarch had a gloomy expression as he stopped Duan Ling Tian.

"Zhu Clan's Patriarch, is there anything you need?" Duan Ling Tian turned around and asked indifferently.

"Although my Zhu Clan isn't a famous Clan in the Darkhan Dynasty, it isn't a clan that doesn't know how to repay another's kindness... Speak, how do you want my Zhu Clan to thank you?" The Zhu Clan's Patriarch spoke word by word with a low voice.

"Zhu Clan's Patriarch, you're straightforward as expected!" Duan Ling Tian smiled. "How about this, I won't be greedy... Hmm, just give me 100 million gold."

Duan Ling Tian's voice entered the ears of the three Zhu Clan members, causing them to seem as if they were struck by lightning, and they were stunned on the spot.

100 million gold?

He said he won't be greedy?

"Kid, don't push your luck!" The Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master shouted out angrily.

Duan Ling Tian paid no attention to the Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master, he looked at the Zhu Clan's Patriarch instead and smiled lightly. "What? Patriarch Zhu, you think your daughter's life isn't worth 100 million gold?"

"Never mind... Since the Zhu Clan's Young Miss is so cheap in

your eyes, Patriarch Zhu, then take it as I never said anything." Duan Ling Tian shook his head, and then he casually waved his hand before walking out.

The Zhu Clan's Patriarch's expression flickered between a livid and ashen expression.

Zhu Qing stood at the side with an extremely unsightly expression.

Never had she imagined that the violet clothed young man that saved her would actually demand such an exorbitant price.

100 million gold!

Although it wouldn't be to the extent of injuring the Zhu Clan greatly, it was still an extremely large amount of wealth that was sufficient to make their hearts ache.

"Wait!" Finally, the Zhu Clan's Patriarch spoke out with an extremely low and deep voice.

"Father!" The Zhu Clan Eldest Young Master went gloomy. "Although this kid saved Zhu Qing, he let go those two damnable slaves... It at most is considered as his merits offset his faults! There's no need for you to give him so much money."

Merits offset faults?

At the instant that the Zhu Clan's Patriarch spoke out, Duan Ling Tian had stopped moving, and now that he heard the words of the Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master, his face instantly seemed to be covered in a layer of ice.

Now, he suddenly felt that his actions earlier might have been slight wishful thinking of his own.

At that time, even if he watched idly by as Zhu Qing was killed, it wouldn't affect him in the slightest.

It wasn't only Zhu Qing that he could rely on to leave the desert.

So long as he coerced those two Zhu Clan servants, they would similarly bring him out of the desert.

"Enough... If it wasn't for him, your sister would have died long ago." The Zhu Clan's Patriarch raised his hand to stop his son, and then he withdrew a thick stack of gold bills from his Spatial Ring. "This is 100 million gold... Our Zhu Clan doesn't owe you anything from today onwards."

"Thank you, Patriarch Zhu." The ice of Duan Ling Tian's face instantly melted when he saw the gold passed over by the Zhu Clan's Patriarch, and he bluntly received it and put it away in the Spatial Ring.

This caused the nearby Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master to gnash

his teeth with hatred, whereas, Zhu Qing's pretty face was unsightly to the extreme as well.

That was 100 million gold!

"Eldest Young Master and Young Miss of the Zhu Clan, goodbye." Before Duan Ling Tian left, he intentionally bid his farewells to the two people before walking off with large strides.

For a time, only the three Zhu Clan members who each had thoughts of their own in their hearts remained on the spot.

After Duan Ling Tian left the Zhu Clan, he breathed out a breath of air as his face revealed a brilliant smile. "I truly never imagined that just lifting a finger allowed me to earn 100 million gold!"

"I wonder where exactly in the Darkhan Dynasty is this Abundance City..." When Duan Ling Tian thought about this, he started to ask for information all around the city.

In the end, he finally confirmed that the Abundance City was situated at the southwest area of the Darkhan Dynasty, and it was neighboring to the southern desert.

"After Little Gold and I entered the Darkhan Dynasty, we entered the southern area of the Darkhan Dynasty... Looks like that sandstorm forcefully blew me to the southwest area." Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

"Although the Darkstone Empire has the map of the Darkhan Dynasty, but it isn't very detailed... This place is within the Darkhan Dynasty, and I ought to be able to buy a more reliable map." After searching for some time, Duan Ling Tian finally bought a map of the Darkhan Dynasty from a bookshop in Abundance City.

The map even contained the symbol of the Abundance City that he was in now.

In the entire territory of the Darkhan Dynasty, the Abundance City was only an existence that was smaller than an ant.

"My destination this time is the most luxurious trade city of the Darkhan Dynasty, Milky Way City... This is something that Little Gold knows as well. Perhaps I'll be able to encounter Little Gold there." Duan Ling Tian put away the map in his hand and intended to leave Abundance City to head towards Milky Way City.

But he hadn't even walked out of the city gate when Duan Ling Tian noticed that he was being followed.

"Zhu Clan members?" Duan Ling Tian frowned.

Besides the Zhu Clan, he couldn't think of anyone that would want to target him.

"They probably aren't sent over by the Zhu Clan's Patriarch... If the Zhu Clan's Patriarch wanted to deal with me, he would have

made a move in the Zhu Clan Estate earlier, and it would have been impossible for him to give me the 100 million gold." Duan Ling Tian thought in his heart. "It ought to be that Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master, or perhaps the Zhu Clan's Young Miss, Zhu Qing, that sent them... The possibility that it's the Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master is greater."

Chapter 571: Who Can Afford To Play

Duan Ling Tian paid no attention to the people that followed behind him, and he directly headed out of the city.

In next to no time, he'd left the city, and he only just soared into the sky.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Three exceedingly swift howls of the wind sounded out from behind Duan Ling Tian.

The three figures stood in the sky and were divided into a triangular position as they surrounded Duan Ling Tian.

"Hmm?" Duan Ling Tian wasn't surprised by the appearance of the three people, and his gaze flashed past the three of them.

These were three middle aged men that stared at him with icy cold gazes.

Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force stretched out, and the cultivations of the three people were unable to hide from him.

Two fourth level Void Prying Stage martial artists, and one third level Void Prying Stage martial artist.

They didn't pose that slightest threat to Duan Ling Tian.

"Your Eldest Young Master sent all of you?" Duan Ling Tian spoke indifferently, and at practically this instant, Duan Ling Tian's gaze that never left these three people observed the minute changes in their expressions.

In the end, Duan Ling Tian noticed an inkling.

At almost the exact same instant he spoke, the expressions of the three people had slight changes.

"Looks like I was right." Duan Ling Tian's gaze gradually went cold. "But, your Zhu Clan's Patriarch didn't say anything, yet all of you have impatiently made a move against me with only the order from your Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master... Aren't all of you afraid that your Zhu Clan's Patriarch would blame you?"

"After we kill you, the dead can't bear witness." One of the fourth level Void Prying Stage martial artists spoke word by word with a voice that was cold like ice.

"Kill!" The other fourth level Void Prying Stage martial artist shouted out with a grim voice, and he pounced towards Duan Ling Tian.

Instantly, the other two of them attacked out at the same time.

Three people divided into three directions had launched an

attack at Duan Ling Tian at the same time.

Three strands of raging Origin Energy combined with three spirit weapons and Elementary Force approached menacingly, sweeping towards Duan Ling Tian, and it seemed as if they wanted to kill Duan Ling Tian with a single strike.

"Hmph!" Duan Ling Tian's gaze abruptly went cold.

In the next moment, Duan Ling Tian made a move.

Sword Drawing Arts!

The Violet Myrtle Flexible Sword had only just arrived in Duan Ling Tian's hand when it transformed into a sword light that was swift to the extreme as it flashed out.

Two strands of fresh blood shot out violently.

The Origin Energy on the bodies of the two fourth level Void Prying Stage martial artists dispersed completely as they crashed to the ground.

Bang! Bang!

Because they fell from a low position in the sky, Duan Ling Tian and the remaining third level Void Prying Stage martial artist were able to hear the sound of the two corpses dropping to the ground.

The expression of the third level Void Prying Stage martial artist went completely ghastly pale to the extreme at the instant his two fourth level Void Prying Stage companions were killed, and his expression was filled with despair.

Presently, he put away the spirit weapon in his hand and stood in the sky with a shivering figure.

"You... You..." He looked at Duan Ling Tian as he shuddered in terror.

Earlier, although he didn't see how many ancient mammoth silhouettes were above Duan Ling Tian clearly...

But he'd clearly seen that enormous silhouette that circled down.

"Ancient... Ancient horned dragon silhouette..." At this moment, his heart was filled with coldness.

The young man was able to draw upon the energy of heaven and earth to condense an ancient horned dragon silhouette, and the young man's strength could be easily imagined.

The young man was at least at the sixth level of the Void Prying Stage, and it was even possible that he was at the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage.

A sixth level Void Prying Stage martial artist was able to draw upon the energy of heaven and earth to develop an ancient horned dragon silhouette when utilizing a spirit weapon, where, a seventh level Void Prying Stage martial artist didn't have to utilize a spirit weapon to exert the strength of an ancient horned dragon.

Sixth level Void Prying Stage?

Seventh level Void Prying Stage?

Even the strongest in their Zhu Clan, the Grand Elder, had a cultivation that was only at the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage.

"Do you still want to continue?" Duan Ling Tian glanced indifferently at the middle aged man before him.

"No... No..." The middle aged man hurriedly waved his hand when he heard this.

What a joke!

Although the young man looked to be young, the young man's strength was something that was difficult for him to reach.

If the young man willed it, he would have died long ago.

"Speak of the person who's pulling the strings, and then scram!"

Duan Ling Tian's sword shaped brows tilted up.

Although he'd already guessed that the Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master was the person pulling the strings, he still wanted to confirm it.

"It's the Eldest Young Master, it's the Eldest Young Master!" The middle aged man spoke hurriedly.

After he finished speaking, he heaved a sigh of relief when he saw Duan Ling Tian's figure flash to vanish before his eyes.

"I can't stay in the Zhu Clan any longer..." The middle aged man sighed as he decided in his heart.

In the next moment, the middle aged man transformed into a flowing light that shot out of the city before concealing itself high in the clouds and vanishing.

Zhu Clan Estate.

Whoosh!

As if a gust of wind blew by, a violet clothed figure had appeared out of thin air.

"Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master!" The owner of the violet colored figure was precisely Duan Ling Tian who had returned.

Presently, Duan Ling Tian looked down at the Zhu Clan Estate beneath his face and spoke with a clear and cold voice.

His voice contained Origin Energy and spread out throughout the entire Zhu Clan Estate.

Instantly, the entire Zhu Clan was stirred.

"Someone is looking for the Eldest Young Master?"

"He has come with bad intentions!"

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Many Zhu Clan members looked up into the sky.

"It's him! Why has he come back again?" The Zhu Clan's Patriarch was silently drinking tea in the courtyard when he heard this familiar voice, and his face sank as he stepped up into the sky.

"He hasn't died?" In the Zhu Clan's Martial Practice Arena, the Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master's face sank as he soared into the sky.

Subsequently, another three figures soared into the sky.

"Who's making noise in my Zhu Clan?" An aged figure was the first to arrive high above in the sky where Duan Ling Tian was, and his figure hadn't arrived yet, but his voice had already sounded out.

Duan Ling Tian looked over when he heard the voice.

An old man with white brows was the first to appear before him.

"Seventh level of the Void Prying Stage?" His Spiritual Force detected the old man's cultivation at the first possible moment.

"Looks like this person ought to be the strongest in the Zhu Clan, the Grand Elder." Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

A few days ago, on the way when he was lead towards Abundance City by Zhu Qing, Zhu Qing had proudly commended her Zhu Clan many times.

Amongst these, she'd mentioned that the strongest person in the Zhu Clan, the Grand Elder, was an existence at the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage.

The Zhu Clan's Grand Elder was slightly dazed when he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

He obviously never imagined that the person who came to provoke the Zhu Clan would be such a young man.

"Young man, do you know that your actions are already provoking the dignity of my Zhu Clan!" The Zhu Clan's Grand Elder's voice was like muffled thunder, and slight rage was contained within.

"Zhu Clan's dignity?" Duan Ling Tian started laughing. "Your Zhu Clan has dignity to speak about? Truly laughable!"

"Audacious!" The Zhu Clan's Grand Elder's voice and another voice sounded out at almost the exact same time.

Subsequently, the Zhu Clan's Patriarch was the second person to make an appearance, and he stood shoulder to shoulder with the Grand Elder as he glared angrily at Duan Ling Tian. "I said before that my Zhu Clan doesn't owe you anything anymore... Now, what exactly do you desire by publicly provoking my Zhu Clan?"

"Hmm?" The Zhu Clan's Grand Elder frowned. Obviously, he never expected that the Zhu Clan's Patriarch knew this young man.

"What I desire?" Duan Ling Tian smiled as his eyes narrowed. "Patriarch Zhu, your Zhu Clan had indeed not owed me anything anymore... But that son of yours seems to not think in this way."

The Zhu Clan's Patriarch went grim when he heard this. "You... What do you mean by this?"

"Patriarch, Grand Elder!" Right at this moment, another two figures soared into the sky to stand by the side of the Grand Elder and Patriarch of the Zhu Clan.

Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force swept out.

The people that arrived now were two old men, and their cultivations were similar to the Zhu Clan Patriarch.

They were both at the sixth level of the Void Prying Stage, and they were probably Zhu Clan Elders.

"What do I mean?" Duan Ling Tian's gaze abruptly turned to converge onto the final figure that slowly soared into the sky. "I'm afraid Patriarch Zhu has to ask your precious son about this! Ask him what 'good deed' he has gone."

As Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, he intentionally emphasized the words 'good deed.'

Whoosh!

The Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master was the last to make an appearance.

He looked at Duan Ling Tian as soon as he made an appearance, and he glared angrily. "Kid, you took my Zhu Clan's 100 million gold, yet you still dare behave rudely at my Zhu Clan? Looks like you really think your life is too long!"

100 million gold?

The Zhu Clan Eldest Young Master's words had caused all the three Zhu Clan elders including the Grand Elder so be stunned.

"Patriarch, what exactly is going on?" The three of them asked the Zhu Clan's Patriarch.

The Zhu Clan's Patriarch sighed and spoke of the sequence of events.

The three of them came to a sudden understanding.

"Young man, since my Zhu Clan doesn't owe you anything anymore, why are you still endlessly making trouble for my Zhu Clan?" The Zhu Clan Grand Elder's brows raised as he emitted a dignified bearing

"Endlessly making trouble?" Duan Ling Tian laughed in ridicule, and then he looked towards the Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master. "Who exactly is endlessly making trouble is something all of you ought to ask this Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master."

Duan Ling Tian words successfully moved the attention of the four higher-ups of the Zhu Clan.

Including the Zhu Clan's Patriarch, four sets of gazes had shot

onto the Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master in unison.

"Kid, what do you mean by this?" The Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master's face sank as he asked with a shout.

But in his heart, he felt slightly uncomfortable.

"Could it be that he has already found out about me sending people to kill him? Wait! Unless they failed, otherwise, it's impossible for him to know." The Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master was extremely confident towards the three people he's sent, and he didn't think that the violet clothed young man was able to kill those three people.

So, he chose to feign ignorance.

"What do I mean?" Duan Ling Tian's face seemed to be covered in a layer of thin ice. "Zhu Clan Eldest Young Master, I'd taken the 100 million gold from Patriarch Zhu and the Zhu Clan and I were even!"

"But you actually sent out two fourth level Void Prying Stage martial artists and one third level Void Prying Stage martial artist with intent to kill me when I left... Do you really think I'm easily bullied?" As he finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian's voice was icy cold to the extreme, and it seemed as if it sounded out from an icy pit.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian said this, the expression of the five

members of the Zhu Clan went gloomy.

Especially the Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master, his pupils constricted as his mood surged.

"No... Impossible... How could he possible know...? Could it be... Could it be that they failed?" A bad premonition arose in the Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master's heart.

"You... What did you do to the three Revered Elders of my Zhu Clan?" The Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master spoke in a low and deep voice as he asked with a shout.

"They followed your orders and wanted to kill me... Yet now, I'm standing all fine and well here. How do you think they are now?" Duan Ling Tian laughed in disdain as he spoke incisively.

"You... You killed them?" The Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master's expression became gloomy.

"What? You can send them to kill me, yet I can't kill them?" Duan Ling Tian sneered. "Originally, it didn't matter that all of you were ungrateful after I saved your Zhu Clan's Young Miss... But you actually wanted to kill me and wanted to stir up trouble... Then I'll accompany you and play this game!"

"Let's see if you can afford to play, or I can!!"

Chapter 572: Complete Annihilation

"Kid, do you think our Zhu Clan's 100 million gold is so easy to take away?" When the Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master saw that what he did was exposed, he directly stopped hiding it and shed all pretenses. "But, you actually dared kill three Revered Elders of my Zhu Clan... You're dead!"

At almost the exact same instant he finished speaking, the Origin Energy on the body of the Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master skyrocketed, whereas, the Origin Energy on the bodies of the four Zhu Clan higher-ups became restless as their imposing auras shot into the sky like rainbows.

"What? Your Zhu Clan doesn't feel that you're in the wrong?" Duan Ling Tian looked at the Zhu Clan's Patriarch, the Grand Elder, and the two Elders as he spoke with a low voice.

"In the wrong?" The Zhu Clan's Patriarch's face was extremely gloomy, and his gaze was icy cold to the extreme. "Perhaps, my son has indeed gone too far... But he didn't succeed in the end! You have instead killed three Revered Elders of my Zhu Clan."

"So... You must die today!" The Origin Energy on the Zhu Clan's Patriarch raged like fire, and there were even strands of fiery red energy leaping about within it.

In the sky above him, 8,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes condensed into form, and another 500 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared out of thin air beside them...

Sixth level Void Prying Stage!

Half-step Advanced Fire Force!

"He didn't succeed? What a notion!" Duan Ling Tian laughed instead from extreme anger.

Today, if his strength was inferior to those three Zhu Clan Revered Elders, then he would have already been killed.

But now, the Zhu Clan's Patriarch actually dismissed this matter so lightly.

Of course, Duan Ling Tian knew that the Zhu Clan's Patriarch and Grand Elder's group of three, had more of an intention to protect the Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master now.

"You must pay with your blood for killing members of my Zhu Clan... Leave your life behind today!" The Zhu Clan's Grand Elder's white brows raised as he glared angrily at Duan Ling Tian and spoke with a low voice.

"Leave my life behind?" Duan Ling Tian started laughing, laughing brilliantly.

"Go on and laugh... You're bound to only be able to laugh at this moment for your entire lifetime." The Zhu Clan's Eldest Young

Master sneered.

Duan Ling Tian restrained the smile on his face in an instant, then his gaze descended onto the four Zhu Clan higher-ups. "I came to you Zhu Clan today to only get even with your Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master..."

"Do all of you really want to get involved in this matter? Have all of you thought it through? Sometimes, a single choice is sufficient to ruin your entire lives!" Duan Ling Tian's voice was cold like ice, and his words had no lack of a warning intention.

Although the four Zhu Clan's higher-up's actions of blindly protecting the Eldest Young Master caused him to feel detest, he still gave them a chance.

As for if these four people valued this chance, it wasn't something he was able to intervene in.

Duan Ling Tian's words caused the expressions of the Zhu Clan higher-ups to be gloomy.

"Kid, don't be arrogant!" The Zhu Clan's Grand Elder was the first to return to his senses, and then his figure flashed out like the wind to pounce towards Duan Ling Tian.

Om!

In his hand, a narrow saber appeared out of thin air, then his

Origin Energy fused into it, and it carried along strands of azure energy as it slashed towards Duan Ling Tian with an imposing manner that shot into the sky like a rainbow.

He seemed as if he wanted to slash Duan Ling Tian into two!

In the sky above him, an ancient horned dragon silhouettes coiled down before sweeping out with him.

Behind the ancient horned dragon silhouette was another 4,000 plus ancient mammoth silhouettes following it.

It was as if they were moving forward as they attended to the supreme Emperor.

Seventh level Void Prying Stage!

Grade six spirit saber!

Half-step Advanced Wind Force!

This was the strength of the Zhu Clan's Grand Elder.

"Since all of you don't value this chance, then don't blame me for not showing mercy." Duan Ling Tian's voice was calm yet was filled with bloody killing intent.

As soon as he finished speaking, a dim light started to flash into appearance in the depths of Duan Ling Tian's eyes.

Thousand Illusion!

Instantly, Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force fused into his soul brand and he executed the soul skill that belonged exclusively to him.

An illusory space was instantly constructed and enveloped the Zhu Clan's Grand Elder.

The Zhu Clan's Grand Elder had a cultivation at the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage.

However, he wasn't an Inscription Master, nor had he comprehended Advanced Force.

So, the soul skill, Thousand Illusions, that Duan Ling Tian executed with his Spiritual Force at the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage was something that the Zhu Clan's Grand Elder was utterly unable to withstand.

Instantly, the Zhu Clan's Grand Elder was sealed within the illusory space, and he was like a headless fly that moved about randomly.

Suddenly, the Zhu Clan's Grand Elder turned around abruptly, and his gaze stared fixedly at the Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master.

That icy cold gaze caused the Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master to feel panicked.

"Grand... Grand Elder..." He felt the killing intent in the old man's eyes, and his body couldn't refrain from trembling.

Om!

Suddenly, the Zhu Clan's Grand Elder attacked.

He slashed his saber that carried the might to split mountains down onto the Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master.

"Grand Elder!!" The Zhu Clan's Patriarch's face went pale as he flashed out, he wanted to save the Eldest Young Master, yet he was too late.

The Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master's eyes stared wide open as he was slashed into two halves by the Zhu Clan's Grand Elder.

Blood sprayed into the air as the corpse that was slashed into two halves fell down to the ground.

"AH!"

"AH!"

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Instantly, a wave of terrified exclams of the Zhu Clan disciples sounded out in the Zhu Clan Estate.

Obviously, they were terrified by the Zhu Clan Eldest Young Master's corpse.

"Grand Elder, you... Why did you kill my son?!" High above in the sky, the Zhu Clan's Patriarch's eyes were crimson red as he glared angrily at the Zhu Clan Grand Elder.

On the other side, the two Zhu Clan Elders had stunned expression as they looked at the Grand Elder.

At this moment, they seemed to have forgotten of Duan Ling Tian's existence, whereas Duan Ling Tian was happy to watch the scene.

"Hmph!" The corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth curled into an evil arc.

Only he knew what had happened earlier.

Earlier, within the illusory space that he'd constructed, he'd merged the place where he stood in the illusory space with the place the Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master stood outside the illusory

space.

So, when the Zhu Clan's Grand Elder killed him in the illusory space, it was equivalent to the Zhu Clan's Grand Elder killing the Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master outside the illusory space.

"Hmph! You can't even withstand a single strike of mine, yet you dare provoke our Zhu Clan? Utterly courting death." Meanwhile, the Zhu Clan's Grand Elder grunted coldly, and he put away the spirit saber in his hand.

Obviously, he was still within the illusory space constructed by Duan Ling Tian's Thousand Illusions, and he thought that the person he killed was Duan Ling Tian.

This scene caused the Zhu Clan's Patriarch who was extremely infuriated to be dumbstruck.

An absurd thought arose in his heart:

Grand Elder killed the wrong person?

The other two Zhu Clan Elders looked at each other and didn't dare believe that all this was real.

"The show ought to begin." With a command in his heart, Duan Ling Tian instantly withdrew his Thousand Illusions.

The illusory space shattered into bit and the Zhu Clan's Grand Elder instantly came back to his senses.

But when he saw Duan Ling Tian standing before him completely unharmed, he had a shocked expression as if he'd seen a ghost. "You... How can you have not died? Earlier, I... Obviously have already..."

"Grand Elder Zhu." Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but laugh. "You wouldn't be thinking that the person that was killed by you earlier was me, right?"

Duan Ling Tian's words caused the Zhu Clan's Grand Elder's face to go gloomy. "Who was it, if it wasn't you?"

"Look around and see who's gone?" The corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth lightly curled into an arc, and the evil arc appeared once more.

The Zhu Clan's Grand Elder looked around into the surroundings, and he noticed that only the Patriarch and the two elders remained.

The Eldest Young Master that originally stood within them had vanished without a trace.

Most importantly, he noticed that the Patriarch's expression was extremely unsightly, and the Patriarch's eyes were suffused with a crimson red color.

"Could it be..." His heart trembled as he spoke with a trembling voice. "I... I killed Qiang?"

The Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master was called Zhu Qiang.

Since a young age, the Grand Elder had taken Zhu Qiang as his own grandson.

But now, Zhu Qiang had actually died at his hands?

"No... No... No!!" The Zhu Clan's Grand Elder's eyes were crimson red as he ceaselessly shook his head. In the end, he looked at Duan Ling Tian and roared. "It's surely because of you, it's surely because of you!"

Although he didn't know what had happened earlier, the Grand Elder subconsciously firmly believed that what happened earlier was related to this violet clothed young man.

Om!

The Zhu Clan's Grand Elder attacked Duan Ling Tian once more, and his imposing manner shot into the sky like a rainbow.

"Hmph!" Duan Ling Tian revealed an expression of disdain.

Thousand Illusion!

Duan Ling Tian executed his soul skill once more.

The illusory space appeared once more and enveloped the Zhu Clan's Grand Elder within it.

In the next moment, Zhu Clan's Grand Elder seemed as if he was possessed once again, and he swung his saber to slash towards the Patriarch and two elders.

At the beginning, the Zhu Clan's Patriarch's group of three were barely able to withstand the attacks of the Grand Elder.

Gradually, they lacked the strength to continue.

Om!

The Zhu Clan's Grand Elder slashed down to kill one of the Zhu Clan Elders.

"Elder Liang!" The Patriarch and the other Elder went gloomy.

"You... What exactly have you done?" Now, the Zhu Clan's Patriarch had realized as well that the bizarre happenings before his eyes was related to Duan Ling Tian, and he roared with a grim voice.

"Patriarch Zhu, don't say that I didn't warn you! I told you...

Sometimes, a choice is sufficient to ruin your entire life." Duan Ling Tian smiled lightly.

But in the eyes of the Zhu Clan Patriarch, Duan Ling Tian's smile was like the smile of a devil.

Om!

The Grand Elder swung down his saber once more and killed the other Elder as well.

"Grand Elder! It's me, it's me!" Only the Zhu Clan Patriarch remained, and he roared endlessly in an effort to stop the Grand Elder.

But the Zhu Clan Grand Elder was currently within the illusory space that was created by Duan Ling Tian's Thousand Illusion, he seemed as if he was possessed, and it was utterly impossible for him to be awakened.

In the end, the Zhu Clan's Patriarch followed in the footsteps of the two Zhu Clan Elders.

"I'll give you a swift death!" Duan Ling Tian's figure flashed to arrive behind the Grand Elder.

Swish!

He pointed out with his finger and took the life of the Zhu Clan's Grand Elder.

The Zhu Clan's Eldest Young Master and all the four higher-ups of the Zhu Clan had died.

"Spatial Ring!" Duan Ling Tian remembered after a short moment that he hadn't gathered the Spatial Rings of the Zhu Clan members, and he instantly descended from the sky.

The entire Martial Practice Arena was covered in blood.

Amongst the five corpses, only one was a complete corpse.

In the surroundings of the Martial Practice Arena, the crowd of Zhu Clan disciples had ghastly pale faces, and some who had weak psychological endurance almost vomited.

"What exactly happened?"

"Why have the Patriarch, the Grand Elder, and the others been killed?"

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The Zhu Clan disciples completely didn't know what had happened.

"There's someone in the sky!" Suddenly, someone exclaimed in shock.

Subsequently, all the Zhu Clan disciples saw a violet colored figure descend from the sky and stand in the Martial Practice Arena.

This was a violet clothed young man with graceful bearing.

But the violet clothed young man's current actions didn't conform to his bearing in the slightest.

The violet clothed young man was putting away the Spatial Rings of the Zhu Clan's deceased Patriarch and the others in a practiced manner.

Chapter 573: Pavilion Master

"He killed the Patriarch, the Grand Elder, and the others?" The Zhu Clan disciples were stunned when they saw Duan Ling Tian, and they only recovered from their shock when Duan Ling Tian's figure flashed and vanished before their eyes.

"Such a young man actually possesses the strength to kill the Patriarch and the others... Who exactly is he?"

"He's surely a member of those great powers!"

"I wonder how the Patriarch and the others offended him."

"Fortunately, he didn't have the intention to make a move against our Zhu Clan... Otherwise, our Zhu Clan would surely be annihilated!"

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The Zhu Clan disciples discussed animatedly, and many of them even felt a slight lingering fear in their hearts.

They felt fortunate that they'd escaped this calamity.

Duan Ling Tian left the Zhu Clan and left Abundance City.

To him, the incident that occurred in Abundance City was only a

small matter that wasn't worth mentioning.

It wasn't long before he tossed it to the back of his head.

Milky Way City was the most flourishing trade city in the Darkhan Dynasty, and it was also the final destination of Duan Ling Tian when he came to the Darkhan Dynasty.

"My time is limited, and I'm unable to head over to the Darkhan Dynasty's Capital... If I'm unable to find the Ageless Root in the Darkhan Dynasty's Milky Way City and the Darkstone Empire's Flourishing Summer City, then I can only wait for when I advance in the Darkstone Empire and head over to the Darkhan Dynasty's Capital to continue searching." Duan Ling Tian headed all the way to Milky Way city according to the map in his possession.

Along the way, he'd found a forest with dense amounts of demon beasts to tame a seventh level Void Prying Stage flying beast with his soul skill to carry him.

Although the speed of this demon beast was slower to the little gold mouse, it wasn't much inferior.

Duan Ling Tian calmed his heart and cultivated while sitting cross-legged on the back of the demon beast.

In his cultivating, Duan Ling Tian forgot the time, and he only awoke from his cultivating when the demon beast woke him up.

"I'm still a small distance away from the sixth level of the Void Prying Stage."

Presently, another two months had passed, Duan Ling Tian's cultivation had obtained swift improvement and was approaching the sixth level of the Void Prying Stage already.

"That's... Milky Way City?" Duan Ling Tian sat on the back of the demon beast and was brought plunging downwards, and a city appeared in his eyes.

This city was absolutely the largest city that Duan Ling Tian had seen in this world.

In terms of the area it occupied, even the Darkstone Empire's Imperial City and Flourishing Summer City combined together wasn't even half of the size of this city.

After he came near to the city, Duan Ling Tian was able to see numerous swift figures either flashing past from high above in the air or dashing past on the ground, and they ceaselessly gushed into the Milky Way City before him.

There were both human martial artists and demon beasts amongst these figures.

The latter were all ridden by human martial artists.

Duan Ling Tian slowly stood up, and he stood on the demon beast

while allowing it to bring him into the city.

In the Milky Way City, people that were conspicuous like Duan Ling Tian were too innumerable to be counted.

So Duan Ling Tian's arrival didn't draw the attention of others.

"I should first look for the Treasure Gathering Pavilion to issue a task." Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Subsequently, he descended down from the sky and stopped a middle aged man that passed by, and then he asked politely. "Big Brother, may I ask..."

"Don't bother me, I have an important matter to attend to!" The middle aged man spoke impatiently.

"Big Brother, I want to ask where the Treasure Gathering Pavilion." Duan Ling Tian shook his head and smiled, and a gold bill with a 10,000 denomination appeared out of thin air in his hand.

"Walk ahead, then turn right when you arrive at the end, and the Treasure Gathering Pavilion is there." A tremendous change occurred in the middle aged man's attitude after he received the gold bill, and then he left.

"He's truly realistic." Duan Ling Tian shook his head and soared up into the sky once again to stand onto the back of the demon

beast before urging it to head forward.

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian arrived at the end of the road.

After he turned right, Duan Ling Tian saw the large plaque with gold words on the faraway standalone building...

Treasure Gathering Pavilion!

Duan Ling Tian had only just arrived at the door to the Treasure Gathering Pavilion when an attendant moved over to greet him.

"Guest, please come inside." One of the attendants respectfully greeted Duan Ling Tian into the pavilion.

On the way, the attendant asked Duan Ling Tian about his reason for arrival.

When he found out Duan Ling Tian came here to offer a reward for a task, he didn't dare dally and brought Duan Ling Tian to the third floor.

"Guest, may I know what you want to offer a reward for? And what will you use as a reward?" The old man behind the counter looked at Duan Ling Tian with an expressionless face.

"Ageless Root!" After Duan Ling Tian described the characteristics of the Ageless Root like he did in the Flourishing

Summer City, he specially drew a picture of the Ageless Root.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian withdrew a grade four spirit sword and passed it to the old man.

The old man seemed rather suspicious as he held the grade four spirit sword in his hand.

Whoosh!

Along with Origin Energy gushing out from the old man's hand, beside the two ancient dragon silhouettes in the sky above him, another one ancient horned dragon and 2,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared.

"First level of the Void Initiation Stage!" Duan Ling Tian was slightly surprised.

When he entered, he didn't use his Spiritual Force to detect the old man's cultivation.

Now, it had shocked him when he saw the old man reveal a cultivation at the first level of the Void Initiation Stage.

As expected of the Treasure Gathering Pavilion in the most flourishing city of Darkhan Dynasty.

An old man that was merely in-charge of registering behind the

counter was an existence at the Void Initiation Stage.

Duan Ling Tian was shocked, yet the old man was even more shocked than him.

"An amplification of 60%?" The old man's stiff face revealed a shocked expression, and bright lights flickered in his muddy eyes.

The old man looked over and Duan Ling Tian lightly nodded. "Senior, please register it for me."

The old man nodded and spoke in a slight dull manner. "A grade four spirit weapon can waive the administration fee... Three months later, no matter if the thing you require is found, you can rely on this jade ornament half to exchange for your spirit weapon." As he finished speaking, the old man passed a half of a jade ornament to Duan Ling Tian.

The rules here was exactly the same to the Treasure Gathering Pavilion in the Darkstone Empire's Flourishing Summer City.

"A grade four spirit sword that provides an amplification of 60%?" The attendant that brought Duan Ling Tian in was completely stunned on the spot, and he assumed a petrified state.

According to his knowledge, there seemed to not be a single grade four Weapons Craftsman in the Darkhan Dynasty that was able to refine a grade four spirit sword with a 60% amplification.

Because of this, the value of this grade four spirit sword could be easily imagined.

"Thank you, Senior." Duan Ling Tian lightly smiled and nodded to the old man, and then he urged the demon beast and left.

"A grade four spirit weapon that provides a 60% amplification... Could it be that he's related to that person? Wait! Even that person exhausted a lifetime of effort and was only able to refine two grade four spirit weapons with a 59% amplification, yet none of them were grade four spirit weapons with a 60% amplification." The thought that had just emerged in the old man's heart was shattered by himself.

In his eyes, the violet figure that moved into the distance was that much more mysterious.

"You, quickly take this picture to the main hall on the first floor and stick it on the bulletin board.... Then, announce that no matter who it is, so long as they're able to produce the medicinal material on the picture, they'll be able to obtain a grade four spirit sword that provides a 60% amplification!" The old man looked at the attendant and spoke with a serious expression.

"Yes." The attendant left after replying.

The old man left the counter as well, and he headed towards the stairs that lead to the higher floors.

After a short moment, he arrived before a room on the fifth floor.

"Pavilion Master!" The old man stood outside as he bowed.

The Treasure Gathering Pavilion was a business under a formidable power of the Darkhan Dynasty.

It was distributed all over the Darkhan Dynasty.

Even if it was the various Empires under the Darkhan Dynasty, all of them had branches of the Treasure Gathering Pavilion.

Every branch pavilion had a Pavilion Master, and Milky Way City was no exception.

Not only that, because Milky Way City was the most flourishing trade city in the Darkhan Dynasty, the Pavilion Master of the Milky Way City branch was even an expert with shocking strength, and no one knew how strong this Pavilion Master was.

However, although there the Milky Way City's Treasure Gathering Pavilion branch had numerous treasures, there was rarely anyone that dared look for trouble with it, and the deterrent force of the Pavilion Master could be seen from this.

"Enter." In the room, a sonorous voice sounded out.

Along with the old man entering, a middle aged man appeared

within the old man's field of vision, and he had his back towards the old man.

"Do you need something?" The middle aged man turned around, his gaze like lightning, and he stared at the old man as he asked.

"Pavilion Master, look at this." Although just from appearance, the old man was enough to be the middle aged man's father, when he faced the middle aged man, he was instead respectful and reverent, and didn't dare be disrespectful in the slightest.

As he spoke, a sword appeared in his hand, a spirit sword.

"This is?" The middle aged man raised his hand, and he didn't seem to make any further movement, yet the spirit sword in the old man's hand instantly flew out to firmly descend in his hand.

It was just like it was dragged over by a shapeless force.

If Duan Ling Tian was here and saw this scene, he would surely be extremely shocked.

Because, what the middle aged man used now was an ability of taking something from a distance...

Taking something from a distance seemed to be simple, yet it was actually extremely difficult.

If it wasn't a martial artist with a formidable strength, it was utterly impossible to achieve this.

But when faced with the middle aged man taking the spirit sword from his hand from a distance, the old man seemed to not be shocked in the slightest, and it was as if he was accustomed to it.

The middle aged man's gaze descended onto the spirit sword on his hand.

After a short while, his eyes abruptly squinted. "What a profound weapons refinement technique... This grade four spirit sword is at least able to amplify strength by 59%! Could it be that it's a masterpiece of that old fellow?" As he finished speaking, the middle aged man muttered.

The old man who stood respectfully at the side wasn't surprised that the middle aged man was able to see how extraordinary the spirit sword was by just looking at it.

Because, he knew that the Pavilion Master was a grade four Weapons Craftsman! And he was one of the only five grade four Weapons Craftsmen that were known of in the Darkhan Dynasty.

"Wait!" In next to no time, the middle aged man shook his head and muttered. "I've seen both of the top grade, grade four spirit weapons, that that old fellow refined, and there wasn't a spirit sword amongst them... Could it be that this is his recent work?" As he finished muttering, the middle aged man looked at the old man and asked with a low voice. "Who placed this sword in our

Treasure Gathering Pavilion?"

"It was a young man." The old man said respectfully. "This is the reward for the task he issued... So long as someone is able to find the thing he requires, he'll give this grade four spirit sword to that person!"

Chapter 574: Causing A Stir

"Besides that... Pavilion Master, this grade four spirit sword doesn't provide an amplification of 59%." The old man looked at the middle aged man, and he seemed to have thought of something.

"It doesn't provide an amplification of 59%?" The middle aged man frowned, and then he sized up the spirit sword in his hand once more. "Could it be that I'm mistaken? This spirit sword has a deceptive appearance?"

"No." The old man shook his head and laughed bitterly. "Pavilion Master, this spirit sword doesn't only provide an amplification of 59%... It is able to provide an amplification of 60%!"

60%!

The old man's words entered into the middle aged man, and it seemed like a thunderclap that caused the middle aged man to be dazed.

A 60% amplification?

In next to no time, the middle aged man had a serious expression as he held the sword and tested it.

Along with his Origin Energy surging on the sword in his hand, ancient horned dragon and ancient mammoth silhouettes

appeared above him...

In the end, he finally confirmed it.

"It really provides a 60% amplification!" Instantly, the middle aged man's face flushed red, and his eyes that looked at the spirit sword in his hand flickered with a dazzling bright light.

His chest rose and fell like a bellow, and it was difficult for him to calm down even after a long time.

The old man wasn't surprised by the middle aged man's loss of composure.

As far as he was concerned, the Pavilion Master was a grade four Weapons Craftsman, and when the Pavilion Master saw a grade four spirit weapon with such a terrifying amplification, it was natural for the Pavilion Master to be burning with eagerness.

"What has that young man offered this spirit sword as reward for?" The middle aged man looked at the old man with a burning gaze as he asked.

If it was possible, he wanted to obtain this grade four spirit sword.

If a grade four spirit sword that provided an amplification of 60% fell into his hands, then after he carefully studied it, he would perhaps be able to improve his attainment in the Dao of Weapons

Refinement.

Perhaps, he would be able to refine a spirit weapon with a 59% amplification because of this, or even refine a grade four spirit weapon with a 60% amplification.

"Pavilion Master, the thing that young man is looking for is a type of medicinal material... He called that medicinal material as Ageless Root!" The old man replied.

"Ageless Root?" The middle aged man frowned. "What's that? I've never heard of it."

"Even Pavilion Master hasn't heard of it?" The old man was stunned.

As far as he was concerned, this was an extremely unbelievable thing.

The Pavilion Master was a top figure that stood at the peak of the Darkhan Dynasty.

Logically speaking, there were few things that the Pavilion Master didn't know.

"Did he say what characteristics the medicinal material possesses?" The middle aged man continued asking.

"Yes." The old man nodded, and then he passed on everything the violet clothed young man said earlier.

Not only that, the old man even copied Duan Ling Tian's actions and drew out the Ageless Root.

The Ageless Root's characteristics were extremely obvious, and it was formed entirely naturally.

An ordinary root state medicinal material was utterly unable to grow into this appearance.

"What a peculiar medicinal material!" The middle aged man's eyes squinted and he was slightly shocked.

With just a glance, he'd discerned that this medicinal material was extraordinary.

Duan Ling Tian naturally didn't know what happened in the Treasure Gathering Pavilion after he left.

Presently, he was sitting by the window in a restaurant in Milky Way City, and he looked at the people on the busy streets and the Void Prying Stage martial artists and demon beasts that flashed past in the sky.

"I wonder where that little fellow, Little Gold, is now..." Duan Ling Tian's eyes contained slight worry.

The little gold mouse had always been bad with directions and was even swept away by the sandstorm, and this caused Duan Ling Tian to be extremely worried.

In next to no time, fragrant dishes had arrived.

But Duan Ling Tian instead didn't have the appetite.

In next to no time, the guests in the restaurant grew more and more, and at the same time, it became bustling.

"Hey! Have you heard? A task issued by the Treasure Gathering Pavilion half an hour ago is offering a reward for a rare medicinal material." A middle aged man had just sat down before saying to his companion at the same table.

"Don't people frequently offer a reward for medicinal materials in the Treasure Gathering Pavilion? What's so strange about that?" His companion regarded it as beneath his notice.

"Hehe... You don't know something." The middle aged man shook his head. "Do you know what the reward is for the medicinal material?"

"What is it?" The latter's curiosity was aroused.

"A grade four spirit sword!" The middle aged man spoke clearly

with words that was extremely shocking.

"What?!" Instantly, the packed restaurant was in a complete uproar.

"A grade four spirit sword as reward for a medicinal material?"

"Is this really true?"

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Many customers in the restaurant slightly didn't believe it.

As far as they were concerned, how rare was a grade four spirit weapon? How could a mere medicinal material compare to it?

Even if it was the most valuable medicinal material they knew of, its worth in their eyes was far inferior to a grade four spirit weapon.

"If all of you don't believe me, feel free to go take a look at the main hall at the first floor of the Treasure Gathering Pavilion after you finish eating... That task is presently hung on the most conspicuous bulletin board in the main hall!" The middle aged man was instantly unhappy when he saw people doubting him.

When they heard the middle aged man, the customers in the restaurant slightly believe him.

"Who's so generous to actually want to exchange a grade four spirit weapon for a medicinal material... After I finish eating, I'll surely go take a look at what medicinal material he wants to exchange for it!"

"Yeah, if we have that medicinal material in our possessions, that we'll make a fortune!"

"Quickly finish eating so we can go take a look."

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Many people started gulping down their food, and they swept through the food on their tables.

"Hehe... All of you should go quickly! If you're later, then it's very likely that someone would beat you to the punch." The middle aged man laughed when he saw this scene, and he spoke with a desire to stir up trouble. "Right, I forget to tell of all you something.... The grade four spirit weapon in the Treasure Gathering Pavilion that's provided as the reward is a grade four spirit weapon that is able to provide an amplification of 60%!"

Silence.

Along with the middle aged man finishing, the interior of the restaurant was completely deathly silent.

Numerous gazes shot onto the middle aged man in unison.

After a short moment.

Crash! Crash! Crash! Crash! Crash!

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A wave of sounds of bowls and plates falling to the ground and shattering sounded out. Some of the customers had become dazed, and the bowls and plates in their hands fell down accidentally.

"60% amplification? Are you sure?" In next to no time, someone gasped and looked at the middle aged man as he asked in confirmation.

"The Treasure Gathering Pavilion said this... As for the credibility of the Treasure Gathering Pavilion, I presume all of you are clear about it. They've never made an overstatement for anything!" said the middle aged man.

"Motherf**ker! I'm not fu**king eating anymore! Waiter, the bill." Instantly, there were people that paid their bills and left.

After a short moment, only two tables of people didn't leave in the entire restaurant.

Besides the middle aged man's table, only Duan Ling Tian's table

remained.

Presently, these two tables seemed to stand out.

"Eh." The middle aged man was instantly slightly surprised when he saw someone so composed. "Little Brother, you're not going to go join in the fun? Perhaps you have that medicinal material in your possession."

Duan Ling Tian raised his head and smiled lightly. "Perhaps."

After Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, he started to immerse himself in eating and drinking.

Join in the fun?

If this middle aged man knew that the grade four spirit sword was placed in the Treasure Gathering Pavilion by him, the middle aged man would probably not say this.

"Looks like my plan is correct... The influence of the Treasure Gathering Pavilion is extremely large. I presume it won't be long before the news of a grade four spirit sword that provides an amplification of 60% is being provided in exchange for the Ageless Root would spread out extremely far." After eating his fill, Duan Ling Tian paid his bill and left before looking for an inn to stay in.

"Three months later, no matter if there's an outcome, I must leave the Darkhan Dynasty and return to the Darkstone Empire...

Otherwise, I'm afraid I won't be able to make it for the Young Genius Competition of the Darkstone Empire!" Duan Ling Tian thought to himself after he found a place to stay.

Duan Ling Tian closed his eyes and rested his mind after lying in the bath barrel that had steam rising from it.

"I hope Little Gold has already returned to the Darkstone Empire." Duan Ling Tian thought in his heart.

He was always unable to stop worrying about the little gold mouse in his heart.

Although the little gold mouse was a demon beast that followed by his side after Little Black and Little White, during these few years, Little Black and Little White weren't by his side, and it had always been Little Gold that followed by his side.

He'd long since had deep feelings towards Little Gold, and he'd taken Little Gold to be a loved one in his heart.

After he finished bathing, Duan Ling Tian changed into a set of dry clothes before sitting cross-legged on the bed, intending to cultivate.

After he consumed a Void Strengthening Pill, Duan Ling Tian closed his eyes and started cultivating.

Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique, Lightning Wurm Form!

During this period of time, Duan Ling Tian planned to stay in Milky Way City and not go out any more.

Firstly, he wanted to quietly cultivate.

Secondly, he was worried that Little Gold would appear in Milky Way City.

Milky Way City was too chaotic.

During these few days, Duan Ling Tian had walked around Milky Way City and he was able to see many martial artists losing their lives.

In Milky Way City, the definition of the law of the jungle was explained extremely perfectly.

Two months passed.

Duan Ling Tian underwent the final breakthrough.

So long as he charged through the bottleneck, he would be able to breakthrough to the sixth level of the Void Prying Stage in one go.

This time, Duan Ling Tian spent three days and three nights before finally smoothly breaking through.

Whoosh!

The Origin Energy on Duan Ling Tian's body surged and roared.

Swoosh!

As he looked at the 8,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes that had condensed into form in the sky above him after the energy of heaven and earth roiled... Duan Ling Tian revealed a wisp of a smile.

"I've finally broken through!" Duan Ling Tian's mood was elated.

"The next seventh level of the Void Prying Stage will be another critical threshold... If nothing unexpected happens, I'm afraid it's impossible for me to break through before the Young Genius Competition of the Darkstone Empire begins." This was something that Duan Ling Tian knew extremely well in his heart.

"I hope there will be some leads to the Ageless Root."

The Rebirth Pill was a turning point for him, but unfortunately, he must first find the Ageless Root to refine the Rebirth Pill.

Otherwise, all this would only be a dream.

"I have to leave in a month from now... I'll go around during this

month and see if Little Gold has come to Milky Way City."

In the following month, besides cultivating, Duan Ling Tian moved about all around Milky Way City.

Of course, he didn't cause trouble himself, and he intentionally avoided those martial artists at the ninth level of the Void Prying Stage or above.

If a martial artist below the ninth level of the Void Prying Stage offended him, then he wouldn't hold back and directly killed the martial artist swiftly.

Presently, Duan Ling Tian's cultivation had stepped into the sixth level of the Void Prying Stage, and his Spiritual Force had been pushed to the eighth level of the Void Prying Stage.

So long as they weren't Inscription Masters, then he was able to kill all martial artists below the ninth level of the Void Prying Stage.

Bang!

A corpse fell down before Duan Ling Tian.

This was an eighth level Void Prying Stage martial artist that had comprehended Advanced Force.

Chapter 575: Multiplied Profit!

"After my Spiritual Force broke through, the illusory space constructed by Thousand Illusions is sufficient to disregard Advanced Force!" Duan Ling Tian thought in his heart as he looked at the corpse that fell before his feet, and he was slightly delighted.

"Now, even if I go against Su Li, I won't be afraid of his Advanced Sword Force!" Duan Ling Tian's eyes flashed as he thought to himself.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian turned around and left, leaving behind the surrounding crowd of Void Prying Stage martial artists that looked at Duan Ling Tian with terror.

"This young man looked to be around the age of 25, yet his strength is actually so terrifying!"

"With his natural talent and strength, he ought to not be someone with no reputation in the Darkhan Dynasty."

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The surrounding people whispered in discussion.

"Hmm?" Duan Ling Tian who had just taken a few steps frowned, and then he looked towards the sky as if he noticed something.

After he noticed that no one was high above in the sky, Duan Ling Tian heaved a sigh of relief and continued forward.

After Duan Ling Tian left, a tall figure appeared from behind the clouds and mist high above in the sky.

"This little fellow has such acute intuition... I was actually almost noticed by him!" The tall figure was a middle aged man who had a surprised expression now.

"Even an eighth level Void Prying Stage martial artist that has comprehended Advanced Force died at his hands... Possessing such strength at an age like his is truly difficult to come by." The middle aged man's brows raised. "Yet I wonder which one of the young geniuses that possesses the greatest reputation in the Darkhan Dynasty he is."

A month of time passed by extremely quickly.

During this month, even though Duan Ling Tian had deliberately looked all around for the little gold mouse, yet he returned empty handed.

"Looks like Little Gold didn't come to Milky Way City." Dawn, Duan Ling Tian who walked out of the inn shook his head and sighed.

"Now, I can only hope that Little Gold has already returned to the Imperial City of the Darkstone Empire..." Duan Ling Tian walked

towards the Treasure Gathering Pavilion as he worried about the little gold mouse.

After he arrived at the Treasure Gathering Pavilion, Duan Ling Tian felt slightly perturbed.

"I wonder if there's any leads to the Ageless Root." Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath and walked into the Treasure Gathering Pavilion.

After he walked into the Treasure Gathering Pavilion, Duan Ling Tian saw the task that hung on the bulletin board in the main hall, and there was even a picture on it that had the Ageless Root drawn upon it.

"Hu!" Duan Ling Tian let out a breath of air, and a wisp of a bitter smile appeared on the corners of his mouth.

He'd come back empty handed in the end.

He knew clearly in his heart that if someone had found the Ageless Root, then his task would have surely been removed long ago.

The task still hanging there meant that during these three months, no one had found the Ageless Root.

"Guest!" In next to no time, an attendant moved over to greet him.

Duan Ling Tian recognized that this attendant was precisely the attendant that brought him to the third floor to issue the task three months ago.

"Bring me to that Senior... I want to remove my reward." Duan Ling Tian spoke to the attendant via voice transmission.

The attendant nodded and respectfully led the way.

Since three months ago, after he witnessed the might of the spirit sword that Duan Ling Tian placed in the Treasure Gathering Pavilion, he knew that Duan Ling Tian's identity was extraordinary.

Otherwise, how would he possess such a heaven defying grade four spirit sword!?

At the third level of the Treasure Gathering Pavilion, Duan Ling Tian met that old man once again.

"Senior." Duan Ling Tian looked at the old man.

"You intend to remove the reward task?" The old man couldn't help but be stunned when he saw Duan Ling Tian taking out the half of the broken jade ornament.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded. "It's probably impossible to find

the thing I want in a short amount of time... I intend to think of a way in the future."

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian saw to his shock that the old man glanced at the nearby attendant, and the attendant left sensibly.

"Senior?" Duan Ling Tian revealed a puzzled expression.

"Young man, our Pavilion Master said that so long as you come to remove the reward task, then I should take you to see him... Please follow me." The old man left the counter and called out to Duan Ling Tian before walking off.

Pavilion Master?

Duan Ling Tian's brows raised.

"Could it be because of that grade four spirit sword?" Duan Ling Tian quickly guessed the reason.

When he thought of the reputation of the Treasure Gathering Pavilion, Duan Ling Tian wasn't worried that the Pavilion Master of the Treasure Gathering Pavilion would do anything to him.

Duan Ling Tian followed behind the old man to head upstairs along the staircase.

"Senior, why does the Pavilion Master want to see me?" Duan

Ling Tian asked curiously.

"Young man, I'll be honest with you... The Pavilion Master wants to see you because he's interested in the grade four spirit sword you placed in our Treasure Gathering Pavilion." The old man spoke straightforwardly.

"As expected." Duan Ling Tian thought in his heart before saying. "Senior, if the Pavilion Master is able to find the Ageless Root, I'll naturally give him the grade four spirit sword."

The old man shook his head and smiled, but he didn't say anything.

In next to no time, the old man brought Duan Ling Tian to the fifth floor.

The old man stood outside and spoke respectfully. "Pavilion Master, the guest that placed that grade four spirit sword has arrived."

"Please come in." A sonorous voice sounded out.

Although it didn't contain any Origin Energy, it still caused Duan Ling Tian's mind to shake.

"What a deep cultivation!" Duan Ling Tian's pupils constricted.

"Young man, please enter," said the old man to Duan Ling Tian. Whereas he himself instead stood at the side like a guardian.

Duan Ling Tian walked in with large strides.

A tall middle aged man in blue clothed stood there like a statue.

Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force stretched out to envelop the middle aged man.

"This..." In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian's pupils constricted.

He noticed that his Spiritual Force melted into the middle aged man's body as if it went into a ball of cotton, and had no place to exert force on.

It gave him a mysterious and unfathomable feeling.

"Could it be..." Duan Ling Tian was shocked in his head, and after a thought emerged in his mind, it was difficult to suppress it any longer.

"I'm afraid only a Void Interpretation Stage expert is able to cause my Spiritual Force to lose effect!" Duan Ling Tian gasped secretly.

A Void Interpretation Stage expert!

"You placed that grade four spirit sword in my Treasure Gathering Pavilion?" Right at this moment, the middle aged man turned around, and his stiff face faced Duan Ling Tian as he asked.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

Whoosh!

The middle aged man raised his hand, and a spirit sword appeared out of thin air.

Duan Ling Tian was able to discern that this spirit sword was precisely the grade four spirit sword he'd placed in the Treasure Gathering Pavilion.

"I'll go straight to the point." The middle aged man looked at Duan Ling Tian and spoke frankly. "I'm rather interested in this spirit sword... But I'm temporarily unable to find the Ageless Root you want."

Duan Ling Tian frowned.

This Void Interpretation Stage expert wouldn't be thinking of using might to oppress him and forcefully seize his grade four spirit sword, right?

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian found out that he'd overthought things.

"How about this... Lend this grade four spirit sword to me for three years. For the sake of making up for your loss, I can refine another ordinary grade four spirit sword for you and another two spirit fruits!" The middle aged man didn't mince his words.

Lend for three years?

Make up with a grade four spirit sword and two spirit fruits?

"You... You're a grade four Weapons Craftsman?" Duan Ling Tian reacted to the meaning behind the middle aged man's words and spoke with slight surprise.

Hiss!

Practically at the instant Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, a strand of blue flames arose in the hand of the middle aged man with a flip of his palm.

The blue colored flames raged and were restless.

It was precisely a grade four Weapon Flame!

The Weapon Flame that was specific to a grade four Weapons Craftsman.

"Yes, I'm a grade four Weapons Craftsman." The middle aged

man nodded.

"So in this way, Pavilion Master wants to borrow my grade four spirit sword to study it?" Duan Ling Tian went straight to the heart of the matter.

He'd guessed the Pavilion Master's intentions, it was none other than because the grade four spirit sword he placed in the Treasure Gathering Pavilion possessed an amplification of 60%, so the Pavilion Master wanted to study the profundity within it and improve his own level of weapons refinement ability.

"Exactly." The middle aged man nodded, and then he asked. "Do you agree to my conditions? So long as you agree, I'll give you the compensation right now...."

"Besides that, during this period of three years, I'll do my best to help you search for that Ageless Root!"

Needless to say, the conditions of the Treasure Gathering Pavilion's Pavilion Master was filled with temptation, and it caused Duan Ling Tian to find it difficult to resist.

"Pavilion Master, I want to know what spirit fruit you want to give me?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"Void Reserve Fruit, Spirit Void Fruit." The Pavilion Master spoke slowly.

Duan Ling Tian's eyes abruptly lit up when he heard this.

The Void Reserve Fruit was a precious spirit fruit that was able to improve the cultivation of a Void Prying Stage martial artist, and it wasn't inferior when compared to the Void Refining Fruit he consumed in the past.

As for the Spirit Void Fruit, it was even more shocking.

It was a spirit fruit that Void Initiation Stage martial artists used to improve their cultivation, and there was a possibility that a Void Prying Stage martial artist would explode from the pent up energy if the martial artist forcefully consumed it.

Duan Ling Tian had never consumed both the spirit fruits in the past, and to Duan Ling Tian, they were undoubtedly precious treasures.

"Borrow my grade four spirit sword for three years, and in return, he'll give me an ordinary grade four spirit sword and two spirit fruits? Besides that, he'll also help me look for the Ageless Root?" At this moment, Duan Ling Tian exploded out with joy in his heart.

To him, this was an extremely great thing!

If it was only a grade four spirit weapon, and so long as he had the materials, he could refine it at any time.

But that Void Reserve Fruit and Spirit Void Fruit were precious treasures that could only be acquired by luck but not sought after.

"How about it?" With a raise of his hand, two spirit fruits had appeared in the hand of the Pavilion Master.

Besides that, there was also another spirit sword.

"Pavilion Master." Duan Ling Tian looked at the Pavilion Master. "I agree to your conditions."

The Pavilion Master was originally slightly perturbed.

After all, although he compensated Duan Ling Tian with a grade four spirit weapon and two spirit fruits.

But as far as he was concerned, the value of a grade four spirit sword that provided an amplification of 60% was far higher than the value of the things he gave Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian's agreement caused him to heave a sigh of relief.

"Pavilion Master, I'll trouble you with searching for the Ageless Root." Duan Ling Tian smiled lightly and then casually put away the grade four spirit sword and spirit fruits that the Pavilion Master passed to him.

"This spirit weapon's materials are not bad... If I refine it once

more, it will similarly be able to possess an amplification of 60%!" Duan Ling Tian thought in his heart.

To him, the grade four spirit sword that the Pavilion Master compensated to him only required him spending two hours of time before it could transform into a spirit weapon that was at the top grade amongst the top grade.

At that time, the value of this spirit sword wouldn't be inferior to the grade four spirit sword he refined earlier and was in the hands of the Pavilion Master.

It could be said that not only did he not suffer any losses, he even used a short two hours of time to earn two spirit fruits.

Most importantly, with this Pavilion Master of the Darkhan Dynasty's Milky Way City's Treasure Gathering Pavilion helping him search for the Ageless Root, the efficiency of the search would undoubtedly increase greatly.

When all was said and done, this time, he'd made a fortune!

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Prying Stage!

"Don't worry, although I don't dare guarantee I can find the Ageless Root, I will try my best." The Pavilion Master of the Treasure Gathering Pavilion promised Duan Ling Tian.

"Thank you, Pavilion Master." Duan Ling Tian hurriedly thanked him.

"In all the various Dynasties, I can be considered to have great knowledge, yet I've never heard of the Ageless Root that you're looking for." The Pavilion Master looked at Duan Ling Tian with a burning gaze. "I wonder if it's convenient for you to tell me what type of medicinal material the Ageless Root is and what use does it have?"

"Of course." Duan Ling Tian smiled lightly and said casually, "The Ageless Root is a medicinal material that's slightly similar to the sharp claws of the Phoenix from the legends... Although it's a medicinal material, the Ageless Root is instead able to be used as a weapons refinement material.

"Weapons refinement material?" The Pavilion Master's pupils constricted.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded. "I know a grade three Weapons Craftsman... He's able to use this Ageless Root as the main material to refine a grade three spirit weapon!"

Grade three Weapons Craftsman!

Grade three spirit weapon!

Waves of shock arose on the calm face of the Pavilion Master.

"You... You know a grade three Weapons Craftsman?" The Pavilion Master's breathing became hurried.

He was a grade four Weapons Craftsman, and in the entire Darkhan Dynasty or the various Dynasties, he was an existence that stood at the peak of the Dao of Weapons Refinement.

An appearance of a grade three Weapons Craftsman in the various Dynasties has never been heard of.

To the people of the various Dynasties, a grade three Weapons Craftsman was an existence of legend that was far beyond their reach.

Supposedly, Weapons Craftsmen at grade three or above existed in the mysterious and unfathomable Foreign Lands.

But in the various Dynasties, there were few who left the Foreign Lands and returned.

So to the people of the various Dynasties, a Weapons Craftsman

at grade three or above was an extremely mysterious existence.

As grade four Weapons Craftsmen, all of them were filled with yearning towards becoming a grade three Weapons Craftsman, and the Pavilion Master was no exception.

"Pavilion Master, the grade four spirit sword in your hands was refined by that grade three Weapons Craftsman," said Duan Ling Tian.

Although all this was casually made up by Duan Ling Tian, he spoke convincingly, and it caused the Pavilion Master to deeply believe him.

"No wonder... No wonder... I was wondering how could a grade four spirit weapon that provided an amplification of 60% possible appear in the Darkhan Dynasty! So it turns out that it's from a grade three Weapons Craftsman Senior." The Pavilion Master gasped, and the gaze he shot at Duan Ling Tian was completely different.

If it was said that he didn't really take this young man seriously in the past, then now, he'd instead taken this young man to be an existence that was on the same level as him, and he didn't dare be discourteous to the young man in the slightest.

Only because this was a young man that knew a grade three Weapons Craftsman!

As far as he was concerned, since this young man was able to make a grade three Weapons Craftsman refine a weapon for him, then this young man surely had a deep relationship with the Weapons Craftsman.

"Little Brother, what's the relationship between you and the grade three Weapons Craftsman?" The Pavilion Master looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked with slight excitement.

"He's my Master." Duan Ling Tian spoke straightforwardly.

Master!

"Little Brother, so you're that Senior's disciple, I've been impolite earlier." The Pavilion Master gasped secretly, and he spoke once more with a serious tone.

The person that stood before him was the disciple of a grade three Weapons Craftsman!

"Pavilion Master, don't mention it." Duan Ling Tian smiled lightly.

The tremendous change of the attitude of the Pavilion Master before him wasn't surprising to Duan Ling Tian.

A grade three Weapons Craftsman was sufficient to make many thoughts gush within the Pavilion Master's mind.

"Little Brother, I'm called Xiang Ying... Besides being the Pavilion Master of the Treasure Gathering Pavilion in the Darkhan Dynasty's Milky Way City, I'm also the Vice Guild Master of the Darkhan Dynasty's Weapons Craftsmen Guild's Main Guild!" The Pavilion Master, Xiang Ying, looked at Duan Ling Tian. "May I know your name, Little Brother?"

Duan Ling Tian was secretly shocked in his heart when he heard Xiang Ying.

He never expected that besides being the Pavilion Master of this Treasure Gathering Pavilion, Xiang Ying actually had another respected identity.

"Pavilion Master, I'm called Duan Ling Tian." Duan Ling Tian introduced himself.

"Duan Ling Tian?" A wisp of astonishment flashed imperceptibly in the eyes of Xiang Ying.

He'd never heard of this name.

"Could it be that he isn't from the Darkhan Dynasty?" Xiang Ying thought in his heart. "Otherwise, with this person's shocking strength, it would logically be impossible for him to be a person that isn't well-known."

"How about I call you brother Ling Tian?" Xiang Ying lightly

smiled as he asked.

"I'm overwhelmed by Pavilion Master's favor of addressing me like that." Duan Ling Tian smiled.

"Brother Ling Tian, may I know where your Master is now? If it's possible, I hope to be able to personally pay a visit to him." After he found out that Duan Ling Tian was the disciple of a grade three Weapons Craftsman, Xiang Ying was more and more courteous towards Duan Ling Tian.

"Pavilion Master, I'm afraid that's not possible... That Master of mine usually doesn't like meeting unfamiliar people. Of course, if Pavilion Master is able to find that Ageless Root, perhaps my Master will be happy and be willing to meet Pavilion Master." Duan Ling Tian shook his head, and then he added an extra sentence at the end.

The reason Duan Ling Tian added these words was naturally because he wanted Xiang Ying to do his very best to find the Ageless Root.

As expected, after he heard Duan Ling Tian's words, Xiang Ying's eyes lit up and he had a serious expression. "Don't worry Brother Ling Tian, I'll surely do my utmost to find the Ageless Root!" Xiang Ying already had a plan in his heart.

He would utilize his enormous network of relationships to find that Ageless Root.

Just for the sake of meeting that grade three Weapons Craftsman and properly seeking guidance.

"Then I'll be troubling Pavilion Master... Pavilion Master, it's getting later and I ought to leave." Duan Ling Tian bid his farewells to Xiang Yin before leaving the fifth floor and leaving the Treasure Gathering Pavilion.

"My gains this time aren't bad." After he left the Treasure Gathering Pavilion and walked out of Milky Way City, a joyful smile hung on the face of Duan Ling Tian who sat on the back of the seventh level Void Prying Stage demon beast and left.

With a raise of his hand, a completely glittering and translucent spirit fruit had appeared in his hand.

It was precisely the Void Reserve Fruit.

A spirit fruit that was comparable to a Void Refining Fruit.

When Duan Ling Tian was at the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Dragon and Phoenix Academy, Duan Ling Tian had gone deep into Blackwind Ridge during the first experience mission to wipe out the bandits, and he'd obtained the additional reward of a Void Refining Fruit at that time.

After he consumed the Void Refining Fruit, his strength had swiftly improved.

"Be obedient!" Duan Ling Tian noticed that after he took out the Void Reserve Fruit, the demon beast beneath him became slightly restless.

Obviously, it was drawn by the Void Reserve Fruit.

Duan Ling Tian swallowed the Void Reserve Fruit with a few bites, and then he consumed a Void Strengthening Pill before closing his eyes and starting to cultivate.

Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique, Lightning Wurm Form!

After he consumed the Void Reserve Fruit, the Origin Energy in Duan Ling Tian's body was vast and powerful, and it wasn't long before it arrived at the breakthrough point.

The final charge to the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage was completed ten days later.

Bang!

Within the tough meridians in Duan Ling Tian's body, his vast Origin Energy gushed out and easily charged through the final bottleneck.

At the same time, a tremendous change occurred in Duan Ling Tian's Origin Energy.

"I've broken through!" Duan Ling Tian abruptly opened his eyes as a bright light flashed within, and slight delight appeared on his face.

Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath before lightly clenching his fists.

Origin Energy suffused his fists and raged atop it.

At the same time, an enormous lifelike silhouette coiled down from the sky above him.

It was precisely an ancient horned dragon silhouette.

Duan Ling Tian's cultivation had finally broken through to the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage.

"Not much of the medicinal strength of that Void Reserve Fruit still remains... I still have to rely on myself for my future cultivation." Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

"As for the other Spirit Void Fruit that Pavilion Master Xiang gave me, I can only consume it after I break through to the first level of the Void Initiation Stage... Otherwise, it would be too risky."

"Presently, Su Li's cultivation has probably already broken through to the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage... As for Luo Zhan and the others, it would probably be slightly inferior."

Unknowingly, Duan Ling Tian had thought of Su Li and the others again.

"The changes in me after going out this time is probably sufficient to shock them, right?" Duan Ling Tian revealed a brilliant smile.

In next to no time, the smile on Duan Ling Tian's face was restrained.

"Little Gold... Where exactly are you now?" Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but feel a wave of worry when he thought of the little gold mouse.

In his eyes, the little gold mouse didn't have the slightest sense of direction, and wanting her to return to the Darkstone Empire's Imperial City by herself seemed to be slightly difficult.

"I hope she knows how to ask a human martial artist for the way." Duan Ling Tian could only console himself in this way.

In the following journey, Duan Ling Tian was laden with worry, and he was slightly dispirited to cultivate.

"I'll almost be able to arrive at the Imperial City in another half a month." After a few months, Duan Ling Tian who'd entered the territory of the Darkstone Empire thought in his heart.

On the way back, Duan Ling Tian took a straight path, so it was

extremely efficient.

"The Darkstone Empire's Young Genius Competition is in a month from now... I'll be just in time to make it." Duan Ling Tian heaved a sigh of relief.

Currently, Duan Ling Tian was situated at the northern area of the Darkstone Empire, whereas, an unexpected guest had arrived at the southern area of the Darkstone Empire.

Swoosh!

A figure in yellow clothes flashed passed in the sky with an extremely swift speed.

Everywhere the figure passed, the clouds and mist were shaken apart and seemed to have transformed into a heavenly road.

The person that way hurrying on was a yellow clothed young girl that looked to be around the age of 16, her appearance was like carved jade, and she was extremely beautiful.

From the young girl's young face, one could discern that when she matured in the future, she would surely become a drop dead gorgeous beauty.

"Hiss hiss~" Suddenly, two light sounds sounded out from beneath the yellow clothed young girl's sleeve.

Subsequently, two little heads stuck out from there.

It was precisely two little pythons.

The two little pythons were black and white respectively, the former had a golden single horn on its head, the latter had a silver single horn on its head.

"Little Black, Little White.... We'll be able to see Big Brother Ling Tian really soon." The young girl rubbed the little heads of the two little pythons as she smiled lightly.

"Hiss hiss~" Suddenly, the little white python raised its head to look at the young girl, and its eyes emitted slight worry.

"Don't worry." The young girl lightly shook her head. "Qing Nu ought to not come looking for us for the time being... But, after she deals with her business here, she's probably be coming to look for us. At that time, we'll have to leave again."

"Hiss hiss~" The two little pythons dropped their little heads, and they were slightly dejected.

"Don't worry... I'll surely sneak out again in the future, and I'll bring the two of you to look for Big Brother Ling Tian."

When they heard the young girl's promise, the two little pythons

quieted down once again.

Chapter 577: The Number One Expert In The Empire

Darkstone Empire, Imperial City.

Because the Young Genius Competition was approaching, there were many unfamiliar faces in the Imperial City.

These unfamiliar faces were either from the various powers of the Darkstone Empire, or from the various Imperial Kingdoms under the Darkstone Empire.

In the past few days, the Imperial City's guards had started to become busy.

Because battles frequently erupted all over the Imperial City.

These battles were mostly caused by the young geniuses from the various powers that were gathered in the Imperial City.

Every single young genius that could come to the Imperial City to participate in the Young Genius Competition was a proud son of the heavens with extreme arrogance, and no one was convinced of the other's supremacy.

Along with the Young Genius Competition coming closer and closer, the Imperial City once again returned to calmness.

"Supposedly, the Young Genius Competition that starts three days from now will be held in the square at the center of the Imperial City... I wonder if it's true."

"If it's true, then I must surely join in to watch the excitement!"

"It's already confirmed, this news is true... Presently, the City Guard have already started building combat rings at the square in the center of the Imperial City!"

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Along with the Young Genius Competition coming closer, the Imperial City of the Darkstone Empire became more and more bustling with noise and excitement.

At a spacious courtyard in the Imperial City.

The group from the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom were all gathered together.

"Why hasn't Duan Ling Tian returned? The Young Genius Competition is going to start in three days." Chi Ming frowned.

"Hmph! Duan Ling Tian has entirely no awareness that he has to bring glory to our Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom... I'll absolutely not forgive him if he misses the Young Genius Competition this time!" Prince Sheng's expression was gloomy as his eyes emitted a cold and indifferent light. "Revered Elder Chi, if Duan Ling Tian

misses the Young Genius Competition... Then I hope you don't interfere when I punish him!"

Prince Sheng's words caused Su Li, Luo Zhan, and Chen Shao Shuai to become gloomy.

They were able to perceive the killing intent contained in Prince Sheng's words.

Prince Sheng had aroused killing intent towards Duan Ling Tian.

Three days later.

Nine combat rings stood at the center square of the Imperial City, and a spacious high platform stood around the nine combat rings.

On this high platform, tables and chairs were neatly placed on it, and it was obviously a spectating area.

It could be imagined that this spectating area was prepared for the various representatives and the various powers of the Darkstone Empire.

Outside the nine combat rings, streams of people surged and were bubbling with noise.

Presently, at the empty space between the nine combat rings and the high platform, there were many young geniuses scattered

about.

In terms of age, the eldest amongst this group of young geniuses was at the age of 36 or 37.

"Why hasn't Duan Ling Tian arrived?" Su Li, Luo Zhan, and Chen Shao Shuai stood together as they looked all around, yet they didn't find a trace of Duan Ling Tian.

As for Chi Ming and Prince Sheng, they were now seated on the seat on the high platform.

"Looks like Duan Ling Tian has really not taken this Young Genius Competition seriously... I'll surely make him feel miserable once he returns!" Killing intent shot out from Prince Sheng's eyes as he spoke in a low voice.

"Prince Sheng, I believe Duan Ling Tian won't break his promise... It's surely because he encountered something that he hasn't made an appearance yet." Chi Ming eyes contained slight worry mixed within.

"Hmph!" Prince Shen grunted coldly, and he thought to himself. "It's best if he's dead!"

Presently, the people on the high platform grew more and more numerous.

These people were all the higher-ups that were from the various

powers of the Darkstone Empire, and the members of the various Imperial Kingdoms under the Darkstone Empire.

"Isn't this Revered Elder Chi Ming?" An old man wearing azure clothed acted surprised after noticed Chi Ming.

Chi Ming looked at the azure clothed old man, and his face sank. "Wei Kun!"

"I thought you people from the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom wouldn't come... According to my knowledge, the whatever five great young masters of your Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom only have ordinary natural talent." The corners of Wei Kun's mouth curled into a wisp of disdain.

"No matter how ordinary they are, they wouldn't be inferior to your grandson." Chi Ming spoke indifferently.

"Chi Ming, you!!" Chi Ming's words caused Wei Kun to burst into rage, and the Origin Energy on his body leaped up as he instantly wanted to attack.

"Revered Elder Wei!" The middle aged man standing by Wei Kun's side restrained the old man, and he reminded. "This is the Darkstone Empire's Imperial City."

Wei Kun took a deep breath when he heard this, and the Origin Energy on his body that hadn't completely risen up gradually died down.

But the gaze he shot at Chi Ming was filled with provocation.

Whoosh!

Suddenly, the clouds and mist high above in the distant sky roiled.

Subsequently, a luxurious palanquin appeared.

There was a total of eight martial artists at the Void Prying Stage or above at the front and back of the palanquin, and they carried it on their shoulders as they filled to role of a bearer.

At the side of the palanquin was a large word written with exquisite writing.

Yong!

After a short moment, the eight Void Prying Stage martial artists carried the palanquin to the side of the high platform.

This scene caused many young geniuses from all over to be dumbstruck.

"What a parade!" Luo Zhan's pupils constricted and he spoke with astonishment. "Could it be that the person in the palanquin is the Darkstone Empire's Emperor?"

"The Emperor probably won't be coming... It ought to be some great figure in the Darkstone Empire." Chen Shao Shuai shook his head.

"It's King Yong." Right at this moment, Su Li spoke.

King Yong?

Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai were stunned.

"The King Yong that's said to be the closest to the Void Interpretation Stage in the Darkstone Empire?" Luo Zhan was shocked.

Darkstone Empire, King Yong.

He'd heard of King Yong long ago.

Supposedly, the Darkstone Empire's King Yong was the number one expert in the Darkstone Empire.

"Early on when we were still young, King Yong had already been publicly acknowledged as the expert that was closest to the Void Interpretation Stage in the Darkstone Empire... According to me, it's extremely like that he had already stepped into the Void Interpretation Stage!" said Chen Shao Shuai.

"It's possible." Luo Zhan nodded.

When King Yong became famous, he was only a youth.

Now, over ten years had passed, and King Yong's strength would surely be extremely terrifying.

"Although they're both Princes... Our Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Prince Sheng is far from able to compare with King Yong." Chen Shao Shuai's gaze stared fixedly at the palanquin in the sky.

Making eight Void Prying Stage martial artists willingly be a bearer of his palanquin, such a parade wasn't something that anyone could enjoy.

"Greetings, King Yong!" Meanwhile, the representatives of the various powers and Imperial Kingdoms on the high platform stood up and respectfully bowed towards the palanquin.

Chi Ming and Prince Sheng were amongst them as well.

Prince Sheng whose face was covered in killing intent when he mentioned Duan Ling Tian earlier now had a humble expression when facing this palanquin.

Meanwhile, the palanquin's curtain was pulled open, and a tall figure slowly walked out.

This was a middle aged man in a white robe with golden edges, his expression firm, and he emitted a dignified aura from between his brows.

There was a conspicuous red mole between his brows.

It was precisely the number one expert of the Darkstone Empire...

King Yong!

After King Yong left the palanquin.

"Long live King Yong." Meanwhile, the people that stood outside the nine combat rings bowed respectfully to King Yong.

King Yong looked around the surroundings and nodded indifferently, and then he descended onto the high platform with a calm expression before sitting on the seat at the absolute center.

"The young geniuses brought by the various representatives ought to have already arrived, right?" King Yong's gaze flashed past the various representatives on the high platform.

For a time, besides the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Chi Ming and Prince Sheng, the others had all nodded.

In next to no time, the two of them had become the center of attention.

"What? The young genius the both of you brought hasn't arrived yet?" King Yong looked at Chi Ming and Prince Sheng as he asked indifferently.

Although his tone was calm, but the people present were able to feel a trace of pressure from it.

"King Yong, we..." Before King Yong, Chi Ming felt extremely pressure, and he took a deep breath before intending to explain.

But he hadn't finished speaking when he shut his mouth.

Whoosh!

High above in the sky, a violet colored figure seemed to have transformed into a violet colored bolt of lightning that instantly flashed over and descended onto the empty space between the high platform and the nine combat rings.

"Duan Ling Tian!" Chi Ming's gaze lit up, and then he looked at King Yong and said respectfully, "King Yong, all the young geniuses of our Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom have arrived."

King Yong nodded indifferently and withdrew his gaze from Chi Ming.

Meanwhile, the numerous gazes of the people present descended onto the violet colored young man that had just arrived, and even more of them were shocked by the violet clothed young man's age.

"This young man, that only looks to be around 25 years old, is one of the young geniuses of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom that came to participate in the Young Genius Competition?"

"The various Imperial Kingdoms under our Darkstone Empire only possess five positions each... Two young men that aren't over 30 have actually come from this Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom!"

"Looks like this Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom really does lack talented people."

"Yeah. Otherwise, it wouldn't be to the extent of allowing two young men to seize the positions to participate in the Empire's Young Genius Competition."

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No matter if it was the representatives of the various powers and Imperial Kingdoms on the high platform, or the people in the distance that were watching the show, they were all discussing animatedly now.

"Chi Ming, looks like your Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom really lacks people with talent... According to my knowledge, any one of

your Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's five great young masters seems to be over 30 years of age, right? These two people ought to not be figures amongst the five great young masters of your Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom." The azure clothed old man that had conflict with Chi Ming earlier spoke with a ridiculing smile.

"Wei Kun, talk after the young geniuses of your Bazho Imperial Kingdom are able to defeat the both of them... Now, keep your stinking mouth shut!" Chi Ming replied extremely bluntly.

"Hmph! Looks like you're extremely confident of the two of them." Wei Kun snorted coldly, and disdain was mixed within between his brows.

Two little kids that weren't above 30 years old.

As far as he was concerned, the two of them were unable to pose any threat to the young geniuses of the Bazho Imperial Kingdom.

"Duan Ling Tian, why have you only arrived now?" Luo Zhan looked at the violet clothed young man that had just descended by his side, and he asked curiously.

"I encountered some matter to deal with on the way and was delayed." The violet clothed young man was precisely Duan Ling Tian, who was worn out from his journey.

Originally, according to Duan Ling Tian's estimations, he ought to have been able to return to the Imperial City of the Darkstone

Empire a few days ago.

However, he was instead delayed by something on the way.

Seven days ago, when Duan Ling Tian arrived at the mountains at the northern part of the Darkstone Empire, he unexpectedly noticed two ninth level Void Prying Stage demon beasts battling each other to their hearts content.

He originally thought that the two demon beasts were fighting for some treasure.

So, Duan Ling Tian had killed both of them when they fought to the point of exhaustion, and then he started searching the surroundings.

But after searching for a few days, he was still unable to find anything, and he could only leave with disappointment in the end.

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Actually, it was understandable that Duan Ling Tian would be mistaken.

Those two ninth level Void Prying Stage demon beasts had strengths that were on par.

According to the law of survival of demon beasts, unless it was a battle that was caused for the sake of a treasure, otherwise, two demon beasts with equal strength would normally not fight to the death.

"I can only wait until I have time in the future to go there and take a look once more." Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

"Fortunately, you've arrived on time." Chen Shao Shuai heaved a sigh of relief.

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

In the next moment, Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force stretched out under his curiosity, and it detected the cultivations of the three people by his side.

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian's shook as he looked at Su Li with astonishment.

Heavens!

What have I seen?

Su Li has actually broken through to the ninth level of the Void Prying Stage!

"I originally thought that after I broke through to the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage this time, I'd be able to chase up to Su Li's cultivation... But I never expected that he's actually similar to me and has broken through three levels." Duan Ling Tian was secretly shocked,

The advancement of Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai's cultivation caused him to be surprised as well...

Sixth level of the Void Prying Stage, they'd both broken through two stages.

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian's gaze flashed past Saber Young Master, Long Yun.

"Eighth level of the Void Prying Stage!" Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but be shocked.

Long Yun's improvement was actually equal to Su Li's.

"Looks like their improvement is certainly related to the 'Master' supporting them from behind..." Duan Ling Tian was easily able to guess this.

"Who's that person?" Right at this moment, Duan Ling Tian's gaze shot towards the high platform as he noticed the old man that was standing in opposition with Chi Ming.

"I don't know." Luo Zhan and the others shook their heads.

"Hmm?" In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian noticed a gaze that contained killing intent locking onto him.

He didn't need to look, yet was able to guess, the owner of this gaze was surely that Prince Sheng.

Duan Ling Tian disregarded Prince Sheng and instead looked at the white robed middle aged man that sat at the center seat.

This middle aged man wore white robes with golden edges. His appearance was imposing, and with just a look, one was able to know that he wasn't an ordinary person.

Especially the red mole between his brows that seemed as if it was invaded with blood, it even caused one to be unable to forget him.

"He's King Yong." Luo Zhan introduced him to Duan Ling Tian.

"King Yong?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned and asked curiously. "Who is this King Yong?"

"King Yong is the second brother of the current Emperor of the Darkstone Empire and the number one expert in the Empire... Over ten years ago, there were rumors that said he was approaching the Nether Interpretation Stage!" said Luo Zhan.

"Ten years ago, he was approaching the Nether Interpretation Stage?" Duan Ling Tian was surprised. "Wouldn't that mean that it's very like that he has already broken through to the Void Interpretation Stage now?"

"He has most probably broken through to the Void Interpretation Stage." Chen Shao Shuai nodded.

"Void Interpretation Stage, huh?" Duan Ling Tian's gaze shot onto King Yong.

Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force stretched out to envelop King Yong, intending to pry into King Yong's cultivation.

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian noticed that when his Spiritual Force touched King Yong, it seemed as if it had touched a ball of cotton, and it had no place to exert force upon.

This feeling was no different from when he checked the cultivation of Xiang Ying, the Pavilion Master of the Darkhan

Dynasty Milky Way City's Treasure Gathering Pavilion.

"He really is an expert that has stepped into the Void Interpretation Stage!" Duan Ling Tian's heart thumped as he confirmed it.

He was certain that his current Spiritual Force was even able to check the cultivation of a ninth level Void Initiation Stage expert, and he was only helpless against a martial artist at the Void Interpretation Stage and above.

His current Spiritual Force had been pushed to break through to the ninth level of the Void Prying Stage along with the breakthrough of his cultivation to the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage, and it was always two levels higher than his cultivation.

Duan Ling Tian withdrew his Spiritual Force in a timely manner.

If Duan Ling Tian were to let it go on, then as a Void Interpretation Stage expert, even if King Yong wasn't an Inscription Master, he would still be able to notice that someone was prying into his cultivation.

A Void Interpretation Stage expert wasn't as simple as only possessing shocking strength.

"Everyone!" King Yong who was on the high platform stood up suddenly, and then he looked all around the surroundings as he

spoke with a voice that was like a thunderclap as it entered into the ears of everyone present.

"Firstly, I sincerely represent the Darkstone Empire's Imperial Family to welcome everyone to the Darkstone Empire and to the Imperial City... I hope your trips weren't too arduous." King Yong's words were obviously spoken towards the representatives and young geniuses from the various Imperial Kingdoms.

"Thank you for your concern, King Yong." Instantly, the representatives of the various Imperial Kingdoms stood up and were overwhelmed by the unexpected favor.

King Yong nodded, and then he continued. "Today, the young geniuses of the various sects of my Darkstone Empire and the young geniuses of the various Imperial Kingdoms have gathered here together with a single objective..."

"That is to decide on the ten people with the strongest strength to head to the Darkhan Dynasty and compete for the qualifications to participate in the Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties with the young geniuses of the Darkhan Dynasty and the various Empires!" King Yong spoke clearly with a resounding voice, and it was like a thunderclap piercing the ear.

The Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties!

Along with King Yong finishing his speech, the gazes of the crowd of young geniuses including Duan Ling Tian lit up.

They were all standing here today for the sake of the Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties.

"The rules for the Young Genius Competition today is extremely simple... To decide nine great masters of the combat ring and a number one young genius of the Empire that's able to stand above all the nine great combat ring masters!" King Yong continued.

The number one young genius of the Empire?

King Yong's words caused the breathing of most of the young geniuses present to become hurried.

What an honor it was!

Amongst the five great young geniuses of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, only Duan Ling Tian and Su Li were comparatively composed.

"Duan Ling Tian, will the number one young genius of the Empire have any real rewards?" Su Li asked Duan Ling Tian via voice transmission.

"Probably... After all, this Young Genius Competition is held by the Darkstone Empire." Duan Ling Tian guessed.

"King Yong!" Suddenly, a young genius whose affiliation was unknown looked at King Yong and asked respectfully. "May I know if the person that obtains the honor of being the number one

young genius in the Empire will obtain any real reward?"

Duan Ling Tian and Su Li looked at each other before smiling.

Looks like they weren't the only ones concerned about this.

For a time, the young geniuses of the various powers and Imperial Kingdoms and all the representatives looked at King Yong.

Even if it was the spectators that came to watch the battles, they'd looked at King Yong as well.

Obviously, they were all curious.

"Of course!" When faced with a myriad of gazes, King Yong's expression remained unchanged as he nodded.

Subsequently, under numerous burning and concentrated gazes, King Yong continued. "The person that becomes eminent and seizes the honor of being the number one genius in the Empire during the Young Genius Competition held by our Darkstone Empire's Imperial Family today will be able to obtain a Void Fuse Fruit prepared for him by the Empire's Imperial Family."

Void Fuse Fruit!

Everyone present was moved when King Yong said this.

"Void Fuse Fruit?" Duan Ling Tian's heart shook, and his gaze burned with extreme yearning.

No matter if it was the Void Refining Fruit or the Void Reserve Fruit that Duan Ling Tian had consumed before, or this Void Fuse Fruit, they were all spirit fruits consumed by Void Prying Stage martial artist.

The medicinal strength of the Void Refining Fruit and Void Reserve Fruit were equal, and the medicinal strength of the Void Fuse Fruit was the total of the two previous spirit fruits...

Moreover, its medicinal strength wouldn't conflict with the medicinal strength of the two previous fruits.

In other words, even if Duan Ling Tian had consumed the Void Refining Fruit and Void Reserve Fruit previously, the condition of its medicinal strength reducing wouldn't occur after he consumed the Void Fuse Fruit.

"A Void Fuse Fruit is able to allow a martial artist that has just broken through to the ninth level of the Void Prying Stage to break through to the Void Initiation Stage in one go within a short period of time!" Someone exclaimed out in surprise.

Instantly, the atmosphere in the surroundings was lit ablaze.

"Void Fuse Fruit! I'm determined to obtain it!"

"Hmph! You're dreaming! This Void Fuse Fruit is surely mine."

"I think both of you are dreaming, the Void Fuse Fruit is surely mine."

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The crowd of young geniuses started arguing.

Every single one of them was filled with confidence towards themselves.

"Void Fuse Fruit!" A bright light flickered in Duan Ling Tian's eyes, and he had a resolute expression.

"With the medicinal strength of the Void Fuse Fruit, it will even be possible for me to break through two levels in one go and step into the ninth level of the Void Prying Stage once I consume it!

"In this way, then even if I'm unable to obtain the Ageless Root before the Martial Competition of the Darkhan Dynasty and am unable to refine the Rebirth Pill, I'll similarly have the chance to break through to the Void Initiation Stage!

"As long as I break through to the Void Initiation Stage, I'll work together with the other eight people and open up the Sword Monarch's Treasure!" Duan Ling Tian's mood surged extremely.

The Ageless Root was too difficult to come by.

He didn't dare completely place his hope on it.

Now, the Void Fuse Fruit would be another turning point for him.

"I wonder if there's a Void Initiation Stage existence amongst the young geniuses present.... If there is, then I'll surely not be the person's match! And even if that person obtains the Void Fuse Fruit, it wouldn't have much use to the person.

"At that time, if I use a grade four spirit weapon to exchange for it, I presume he wouldn't refuse.

"If there's no existence at the Void Initiation Stage martial artist, then I wonder if there's a ninth level Void Prying Stage Inscription Master present... An existence like this is the most troublesome for me! The soul skill, Thousand Illusions, would be useless against him, and he would probably not give up the Void Fuse Fruit for a grade four spirit weapon." As Duan Ling Tian finished thinking, he felt slightly worried, and when he thought up to here, Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force swept out with intent to detect the cultivations of the young geniuses present.

But, his Spiritual Force had only just stretched out when he noticed three Spiritual Forces that were even stronger than him sweeping over, and they alarmed him to the point he hurriedly withdrew his Spiritual Force.

"Spiritual Force at the Void Initiation Stage?" Duan Ling Tian's pupils constricted, and then he looked up at the high platform. "Looks like there're three Inscription Masters on the high platform... Earlier, when I used my Spiritual Force to scan King Yong, the reason they didn't react to it was probably because of King Yong's dignity."

"Their Spiritual Force appeared when I wanted to scan the cultivations of the young geniuses from the various powers just now." Duan Ling Tian quickly guessed this.

Of course, even if those three Inscription Masters noticed Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force, they wouldn't know who exactly was the owner of the Spiritual Force.

After all, Duan Ling Tian had withdrawn his Spiritual Force at the first possible moment, whereas, because Duan Ling Tian didn't pursue those three Spiritual Forces, he was also unable to discover who the owners of those three Spiritual Forces were.

"Looks like I can only proceed with caution." Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Presently, if he used his Spiritual Force to scan the cultivations of the young geniuses present, then it was very likely that he would be obstructed by those three Inscription Masters.

Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force was currently far inferior to them.

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"Eh." In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian noticed that when faced with the temptation of the Void Fuse Fruit, most of the young geniuses, including him, were filled with yearning.

Only two people seemed to not mind in the slightest.

Su Li! Long Yun!

"Both of them have Masters from the Foreign Lands... Perhaps they've already consumed a Void Fuse Fruit." Duan Ling Tian guessed.

The effect of the Void Fuse Fruit would decrease greatly when consumed the second time, and its benefit was extremely insignificant.

Under his curiosity, Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but ask Su Li via voice transmission.

Su Li nodded when he heard Duan Ling Tian and replied via voice transmission. "Not long ago, Master granted me a Void Fuse Fruit, and its medicinal strength hasn't been completely absorbed. So long as I completely absorb the Void Fuse Fruit's medicinal strength, then it would be sufficient for me to breakthrough to the Void Initiation Stage."

Void Initiation Stage!

Duan Ling Tian's pupils constricted, and he looked at Su Li with slight astonishment. "Su Li, you... Comprehended Sword Concept?"

Su Li said the so long as he finished absorbing the spirit fruit's medicinal strength, he would be able to directly break through to the Void Initiation Stage.

These words were sufficient for Duan Ling Tian to have many thoughts flash through his mind.

"Yes." Su Li nodded lightly. "I just comprehended it two months ago."

The facts proved that Duan Ling Tian's guess was correct.

"He comprehended Sword Concept two months ago?" Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but sigh with emotion.

Su Li's comprehension ability caused him to feel shock.

Duan Ling Tian recalled all those years ago when Su Li appeared before him as a sword cultivator.

At that time, the red clothed young man that stood out in the Iron Blood Army's Genius Camp had grown to such an extent now.

Duan Ling Tian knew clearly in his heart that even though Su Li's cultivation was pushed up to this level with various treasures from his Master from the Foreign Lands...

But Su Li's comprehension of Concept was entirely obtained by relying on his own comprehension ability.

Su Li's comprehension ability could be said to be shocking.

Su Li was simply a sword cultivator that was born to the sword.

"Duan Ling Tian, I'll try my best during the Young Genius Competition this time... If I obtain the first, then I'll give you the Void Fuse Fruit." Su Li's voice transmission entered into Duan Ling Tian's ears once more, and it caused Duan Ling Tian's body to imperceptibly tremble.

He was able to discern that Su Li has spoke this promise with sincerity, and warmth arose in his heart.

"Su Li, don't look down on me... You might not be a match for me now." Duan Ling Tian smiled as he sent a voice transmission, and his tone was filled with confidence.

"I'll wait and see!" Su Li's gaze lit up abruptly and he was filled with yearning.

Right at this moment, King Yong who stood on the high platform spoke once again. "Now, I'll give all of you 15 minutes to get ready... The Young Genius Competition this time will begin after 15 minutes!"

15 minutes.

The group of young geniuses that were originally mentally tense heaved a sigh of relief when they heard King Yong.

Some of the people started stretching their bodies.

The young geniuses of the various powers and Imperial Kingdoms were ready to jump at each other's throats.

"Duan Ling Tian, I'll defeat you today!" A voice filled with confidence sounded out by Duan Ling Tian's ear.

Even though Duan Ling Tian didn't turn around, yet he was still able to discern that this was Long Yun's voice.

"I anticipate it extremely." Duan Ling Tian spoke indifferently, and he seemed to not take Long Yun's words seriously.

"Tsk tsk... Looks like it's just as Revered Elder Wei said, your Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom really doesn't have any talented people left." An extremely mocking voice sounded out by the ears of Duan Ling Tian and the others.

Duan Ling Tian was the first to frown and look over.

He saw a young man around the age of 35 walking over shoulder to shoulder with another four young men around the age of 30, and they revealed expressions of ridicule as they looked at Duan Ling Tian's group.

The person that spoke out in ridicule was precisely the young man around the age of 35.

"Two little kids that I've never head off have actually occupied two positions from the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom... Five great young masters of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom? Looks like they're just a f*cking joke." Another young man ridiculed.

Expressions of ridicule arose on the faces of the other three young men as well.

Right when Luo Zhan, Chen Shao Shuai, and Long Yun's expressions went grim.

"Idiots!" Duan Ling Tian glanced indifferently at the five of them as he slowly spat out a word.

Right at the earlier instant, Duan Ling Tian received Chi Ming's voice transmission, and he found out of the identity of these five people.

The five young geniuses of the Bazho Imperial Kingdom, whereas, the old fellow that was standing in sharp opposition with Chi Ming was precisely the Revered Elder of the Bazho Imperial Kingdom's Imperial Family and one of the two representatives of the Bazho Imperial Kingdom this time.

That old fellow's name was Wei Kun.

So, Duan Ling Tian wasn't courteous in the slightest towards these five people that came to provoke them.

"You... What did you call us?!" The five young men of the Bazho Imperial Kingdom went gloomy.

"Haha..." Luo Zhan started laughing loudly, and he spoke with a sonorous voice that was filled with arrogance and was without restraint. "Is there something wrong with the ears of you idiots?"

"I've heard since long ago that the Bazho Imperial Kingdom abounded with idiots. Now that I've met all of you, it really deserves its reputation." Chen Shao Shuai ridiculed as well, and his words were extremely blunt.

Obviously, Chen Shao Shuai and the others had received Chi Ming's voice transmission reminder, and they knew of the identities of these people.

"Trash!" Long Yun glanced at the five young men from the Bazho Imperial Kingdom with contempt, and his eyes were filled with

disdain.

At this moment, Long Yun stood on the same united front as Duan Ling Tian's group.

They represented the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

They shared both weal and woe when facing outsiders.

Idiot?

Trash?

The expressions of the five young men from Bazho Imperial Kingdom were livid, and their bodies even trembled from anger.

What had they been humiliated like this by another?

"All of you... All of you are courting death!" The young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom that was around 35 had a gloomy expression, and his eyes were filled with ruthlessness. "I'll surely trample on all of you beneath my feet when the Young Genius Competition Begins! I'll let all of you know who's the true trash."

"All of you have infuriated me, you're dead!" Another young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom licked his dry lips as he emitted awe-inspiring killing intent from his eyes.

"You two little kids, you haven't even grown hair yet you dare participate in the Young Genius Competition of the Darkstone Empire? I'll properly teach the two of you a lesson today!" Another young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom looked towards Duan Ling Tian and Su Li with a gaze filled with ruthlessness.

The two remaining young men from Bazho Imperial Kingdom both had killing intent leaping about within their eyes.

"We'll see." Luo Zhan sneered.

Along with the departure of the five young men from Bazho Imperial Kingdom, the area where Duan Ling Tian's group of five were had returned to calm.

This was only a small incident, and it didn't even draw the attention of many people.

Only the four representatives of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom and Bazho Imperial Kingdom paid slight attention to this.

15 minutes quickly passed by.

"Now, a combat ringmaster should ascend onto each of the nine combat rings, and the others may ascend the combat ring to issue a challenge! In the end, the nine great combat ringmasters and the number one young genius of the Empire that's able to defeat all the nine great combat ringmasters will be decided on!" King Yong

stood up once more and his extremely sonorous voice sounded out.

"You're only able to utilize spirit weapons and no other external source of strength during the Young Genius Competition today." King Yong continued.

Other external sources of strength included Inscriptions and any other strength that didn't belong to them.

"Duan Ling Tian, where's Little Gold?" Luo Zhan looked at Duan Ling Tian's shoulder and asked curiously.

In the past, he'd already become accustomed to a little gold mouse always standing on Duan Ling Tian's shoulder.

Earlier, he felt that something was lacking on Duan Ling Tian, and after King Yong's 'reminder,' he finally recalled the little gold mouse.

"I don't know where she is now... She got lost." Duan Ling Tian laughed bitterly.

Got lost?

Luo Zhan and the others couldn't help but be stunned.

"How did she get lost?" Chen Shao Shuai asked.

Although Su Li didn't ask, but he looked curiously at Duan Ling Tian.

"It was the sandstorm." Duan Ling Tian sighed.

"Sandstorm?" Luo Zhan and the others were first stunned, then they seemed to have recalled something, and their expressions went pale.

"Duan... Duan Ling Tian... You went to the Darkhan Dynasty's southern desert?" Chen Shao Shuai took a deep breath and asked.

In the Darkhan Dynasty, only the southern desert of the Darkhan Dynasty had sandstorms.

This was something that anyone who knew general knowledge would know.

Luo Zhan and Su Li were no exception.

"You encountered a sandstorm, yet didn't die... Duan Ling Tian, you're really lucky." Long Yun looked at Duan Ling Tian with battle intent surging in his eyes. "Looks like even the heavens want you to suffer defeat at my hands!"

"Long Yun, you seem to be extremely confident of yourself now." Duan Ling Tian glanced deeply at Long Yun.

Long Yun raised his hand and had an expression filled with arrogance.

"Duan Ling Tian, why did you head to the Darkhan Dynasty's southern desert?" Su Li asked via voice transmission.

His tone was filled with bewilderment.

"I originally intended to go look around in the Darkhan Dynasty, but I unexpectedly accidentally entered into the southern desert." Duan Ling Tian replied via voice transmission.

He didn't speak the truth.

After all, the Rebirth Pill was his secret.

Perhaps, Su Li wouldn't covet his Rebirth Pill.

But the temptation of the Rebirth Pill was too great...

Even if it was Su Li's Master that came from the Foreign Lands, he would probably be unable to refuse the temptation of the Rebirth Pill.

So, Duan Ling Tian would absolutely not reveal the Rebirth Pill.

For the sake of protecting himself, and for the sake of protecting

the people by his side.

Su Li nodded with sudden understanding, and he didn't doubt Duan Ling Tian.

Meanwhile, there were already nine young geniuses that had taken the lead to ascend to the nine combat rings and had become the initial combat ringmasters of the various combat rings.

Besides the nine young geniuses that followed them up, the remaining young geniuses stood outside the combat rings and spectated.

In next to no time, nine fierce battles started.

Numerous figures fluttered like the wind on the nine combat rings, sword and saber moving back and forth, and they fought like a raging fire.

"12 fourth level Void Prying Stage martial artists and 6 fifth level Void Prying Stage martial artists." Duan Ling Tian's eyesight was sharp, and he discerned their cultivations by looking at the ancient horned dragon silhouettes and ancient mammoth silhouettes in the sky above the 18 people.

In next to no time, the outcome of the battles on the nine combat rings had been decided one after the other.

Six fifth level Void Prying Stage young geniuses accomplished

their wish and obtained victory.

On the other three combat rings, amongst the three fourth level Void Prying Stage martial artists one had defeated his opponent by relying on the might of the spirit weapon in his hand, and the other two relied on their Force that surpassed their opponent.

"Good!"

"Good!"

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Instantly, the streams of spectators outside the combat ring cheered.

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Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

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Numerous deafening sounds resounded out from the nine combat rings.

It was the numerous figures that either stood on the combat ring or floated in the air above that were fighting each other until a victor was decided.

Occasionally, there would be people who weren't able to admit defeat in time and were killed.

Every time this happened, the representative that the young genius who was killed belonged to would have extremely gloomy expressions.

But they didn't dare do anything.

The Darkstone Empire's Young Genius Competition had a rule.

Once a person ascends one of the nine combat rings, they either had to leave the combat ring as a form of admitting defeat, or speak out that they admitted defeat...

Otherwise, even if they died, they would have died for nothing!

"It's that person from the Bazho Imperial Kingdom!" Suddenly, Chen Shao Shuai's voice caused Duan Ling Tian to return to his senses.

Duan Ling Tian followed Chen Shao Shuai's gaze.

One of the five young geniuses of the Bazho Imperial Kingdom had already ascended onto the combat ring now.

His opponent was a fifth level Void Prying Stage young genius that had comprehended Half-step Advanced Force.

Both of them had similar ages.

"You aren't a match for me!" The young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom spoke indifferently with a voice as cold as ice.

"We'll only know after I try!" His opponent naturally hated to see his arrogance, and had directly made a move.

Whoosh!

The figure of the young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom fluttered like the wind, and his Origin Energy that skyrocketed flowed beneath his feet and strands of azure colored energy

suffused on his legs.

Half-step Advanced Wind Force!

The strength of this Bazho Imperial Kingdom's young genius was on par with his opponent.

But because of the advantage of Wind Force in terms of speed, his opponent was unable to follow his speed.

"Don't flee if you have the balls!" His opponent's face went gloomy and shouted out with rage.

"As you wish!" The young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom had only just finished speaking when he turned around and pounced towards his opponent.

Swish!

A swift three foot long blade was filled with raging Origin Energy as it whistled out to fiercely stab towards his opponent.

Clang!

The sound of iron weapons colliding sounded out, the spirit sword in the hands of the Bazho Imperial Kingdom's Young Man easily blasted away the spirit saber in the hand of his opponent.

Swish!

Subsequently, the spirit sword in his hand entered into his opponent's chest and came out the other side.

His opponent was killed by him.

"Ping!" Instantly, on the high platform, an aged old man's body trembled, and his voice was extremely miserable.

The gaze he shot at the young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom was filled with killing intent.

"Sit down!" A dignified voice sounded out, causing the old man to be unable to help but shake, and he sat back down obediently.

The owner of the dignified voice was precisely King Yong.

In next to no time, there was someone to drag away the dead young genius's corpse.

"Grade five spirit sword!" Duan Ling Tian had seen the battle earlier from the beginning until the end.

The reason the young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom was able to be victorious was because he relied on the grade five spirit sword in his possession...

His opponent only possessed a grade six spirit weapon.

After the young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom killed his opponent and achieved victory, he looked at Duan Ling Tian's group with a provocative gaze, and then he ridiculed with a loud voice. "Trash from the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom... Does any of you dare battle me?"

Trash from the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom?

The words of the Bazho Imperial Kingdom's young man caused the gazes of most people present to become strange.

Numerous burning gazes descended onto Duan Ling Tian's group of five.

Duan Ling Tian's gaze went slightly cold, and then his figure moved slightly as he intended to ascend the combat ring.

Slap!

Unexpectedly, a hand had descended onto his shoulder before he could move out and had restrained him.

"Let me!" The person that stopped him was precisely Chen Shao Shuai.

Whoosh!

Chen Shao Shuai's figure flashed out to descend onto the combat ring.

"Not bad, at least you have some courage... I was still thinking that all the members of your Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom are chickens." The young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom looked at Chen Shao Shuai with eyes filled with killing intent. "But, since you've ascended the combat ring, then don't hope of leaving with your life!"

As soon as the young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom finished speaking, the surroundings burst into an uproar.

"This young man wants to kill the young genius from the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom?"

"He attacked extremely ruthlessly and without holding back in the slightest earlier... This young genius from the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom will probably be struck with disaster."

"I don't think so... Since this young genius from the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom dared to ascend to the combat ring, I presume he's extremely confident of himself."

"I think so too."

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The surrounding spectators whispered in discussion.

Some of them looked favorably upon the young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom, and some of them looked favorably upon Chen Shao Shuai.

"How's your strength amongst the five people from the Bazho Imperial Kingdom?" Chen Shao Shuai looked indifferently at the young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom as he asked indifferently.

"Hmph! My strength can only be considered to be at the bottom amongst the five people from Bazho Imperial Kingdom... But it's more than enough to deal with you!" The Bazho Imperial Kingdom's young genius grunted coldly and spoke in disdain.

"Really?" Chen Shao Shuai smiled extremely brilliantly.

"Remember on the path of hell, that the one who killed you was one of the five great young masters of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom that you looked down upon — Sword Young Master!" Chen Shao Shuai's words were practically spoken word by word.

Whoosh!

After he finished speaking, Chen Shao Shuai moved, and he instantly approached the young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom.

In the sky above him, 7,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared.

"Fifth level of the Void Prying Stage!" Many people present couldn't help but be stunned as they never expected that Chen Shao Shuai was only a fifth level Void Prying Stage martial artist.

"He's actually at the fifth level of the Void Prying Stage as well?" Many people broke out in cold sweat for Chen Shao Shuai.

"This fellow is actually still acting weak." Duan Ling Tian had a strange gaze.

He'd seen through Chen Shao Shuai's cultivation since long ago.

Presently, Chen Shao Shuai was already an existence at the sixth level of the Void Prying Stage.

When that young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom saw Chen Shao Shuai flash over and reveal a strength at the fifth level of the Void Prying Stage, the disdain in his eyes grew deeper.

When he saw Chen Shao Shuai arrive nearby him, he raised his hand and condensed a sword with his Origin Energy, and he didn't even utilize a spirit weapon.

"Since you want to seek death, then I'll let you die!" The young man shouted out coldly, and the sword in his hand casually swung out.

He even couldn't be bothered to use his full strength in this strike.

He's only used the strength of 9,000 plus ancient mammoths...

As far as he was concerned, a careless fifth level Void Prying Stage martial artist that didn't even utilize a spirit sword utterly didn't require him to utilize his full strength.

"Chi Ming, this Sword Young Master of your Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom is probably going to die at the hands of the young geniuses of my Bazho Imperial Kingdom today... Hahaha..." On the high platform, an arrogant voice transmission sounded out by Chi Ming's ears.

"Wei Kun, aren't you getting ahead of yourself?" Chi Ming was reluctant to show weakness, and he sneered in reply via voice transmission.

"Hmm?" Practically at the instant the Revered Elder, Wei Kun, of the Bazho Imperial Kingdom was stunned by Chi Ming's reply.

A tremendous change occurred in the situation on the combat ring.

On the sword condensed from Origin Energy that was in the hands of Chen Shao Shuai who approached the young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom, Origin Energy had suddenly

skyrocketed.

The 7,000 ancient mammoths in the sky instantly increased to 8,000.

"Sixth level of the Void Prying Stage! He was concealing his strength!" At this instant, the same thought emerged in the minds of everyone.

Wei Kun's face went grim, and then he consoled himself. "So what if he possesses the strength of 8,000 ancient mammoths? He already doesn't have enough time to utilize a spirit weapon now. Unless he has comprehended Advanced Force... Otherwise, he's dead!"

Swish!

As with the spirit sword condensed from Origin Energy in Chen Shao Shuai's hand flashed out, it transformed into a bolt of lightning that moved to intercept the spirit sword in the hands of the young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom.

Strands of peerlessly sharp aura started to leap about on the bolt of lightning on Chen Shao Shuai's hand.

Whoosh!

Another 2,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared by the side of the 8,000 existing ancient mammoth silhouettes.

The 10,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes converged into an ancient horned dragon silhouettes that coiled down with an imposing manner that shot into the sky like a rainbow.

"Advanced Force!" Instantly, many people shouted out in surprise from the surroundings of the combat ring.

"How can this be possible?!" Wei Kun had even left his seat as his face went gloomy.

He was just consoling himself that it was probably impossible for this Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Sword Young master to have comprehended Advanced Force.

Yet in this instant, Sword Young Master had played an extremely great joke on him!

He'd really exerted Advanced Force.

Chen Shao Shuai's sword strike that contained the strength of an ancient horned dragon whistled out and shook the spirit sword in the hands of the Bazho Imperial Kingdom's young man to dispersal, and at the instant that the young man's face went pale and intended to utilize an even stronger strength.

Swish!

The sword formed from Origin Energy in Chen Shao Shuai's hand went straight into the young man's throat.

Along with the Origin Energy dispersing, a savage bloody hole had appeared on the throat of the young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom, and fresh blood gushed out without end as if it was worth nothing.

"... No... No..." The young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom held tightly onto his throat, and his figure trembled as he struggled to look towards Chen Shao Shuai.

After a short moment, fresh blood tainted his hands red.

Bang!

Finally, the young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom crashed onto the ground and was completely devoid of any signs of life.

The scene before him was slightly unexpected to Duan Ling Tian.

Of course, he wasn't surprised that Chen Shao Shuai was able to kill this young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom, whereas, he was surprised that Chen Shao Shuai had killed him without utilizing a spirit sword.

"Carelessness caused him to die in an instant... But even if he wasn't careless, and even if he exerted his full strength, so long as Sword Young Master utilized his spirit sword, he would similarly

be able to instantly kill the young man." Duan Ling Tian knew clearly in his heart that at the instant Chen Shao Shuai ascended to the combat ring, the fate of this young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom was sealed.

Sixth level of the Void Prying Stage.

Advanced Sword Force.

Grade five spirit sword.

It was too easy for an existence like this to kill a martial artist that merely comprehended Half-step Advanced Force and was only at the fifth level of the Void Prying Stage.

"I never expected that he'd comprehended Advanced Sword Force." Duan Ling Tian looked at Chen Shao Shuai as he sighed in his heart.

Although he'd used his Spiritual Force to detect Chen Shao Shuai's cultivation since long ago, he knew nothing of Chen Shao Shuai's comprehension of Sword Force.

"There's actually a person with such comprehension ability in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom!"

"He looked to be a little over 30... It's shocking that he has comprehended Advanced Sword Force."

"I've heard of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's five great young masters. This Sword Young Master seems to only be ranked at the fourth."

"What?! He's only ranked at the fourth? Then doesn't that mean there are still three people stronger than him?"

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On the high platform, the representatives of the various powers and Imperial Kingdoms discussed animatedly.

Amongst them were some Imperial Kingdom representatives that had heard of the five great young masters of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

The Imperial Kingdom's these representatives came from were all neighboring to the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, and they'd heard of the matters in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

Chapter 581: Instant Kill

Along with Sword Young Master revealing his shocking strength, the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom was known by the people present.

After all, the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom was only one of the numerous Imperial Kingdoms under the Darkstone Empire.

Many people of the Darkstone Empire had even never heard of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom before today.

"Ranked number four in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's five great young masters?" Now, many people were slightly anticipating it.

They were anticipating the person ranked in the top three of Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's five great young masters to enter the ring.

"Hmph!" Wei Kun and the other representative from Bazho Imperial Kingdom that sat on the high platform had extremely unsightly expressions.

Especially Wei Kun. He was being complacent in front of Chi Ming earlier, and in this short moment of time, he'd slapped his own face.

This caused him to be unable to help from feeling humiliated to

the extreme!

"Revered Elder Wei, it was a good fight." Chi Ming looked at Wei Kun who had an unsightly expression and spoke via voice transmission, and his tone had no lack of taking pleasure for Wei Kun's misfortune.

Wei Kun's figure trembled slightly as his eyes flickered with ghastly and cold killing intent.

His gaze quickly descended onto the remaining four young geniuses of the Bazho Imperial Kingdom, and then onto the young man around the age of 35.

"Chang Xian, go up and kill him!" The person Wei Kun called out to was the strongest person of the Bazho Imperial Kingdom's young geniuses.

All of the four young geniuses of the Bazho Imperial Kingdom including Chang Xian felt extremely embarrassed the instant they saw their companion being killed.

Now, when Chang Xian heard Wei Kun's voice transmission, his eyes revealed frightful cold lights as he nodded lightly.

Whoosh!

Chang Xian's figure flashed out to stand onto the combat ring and stand in confrontation with Chen Shao Shuai.

"Sword Young Master of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom? Today, I, Chang Xian, the number one of the Bazho Imperial Kingdom's younger generation, will fight you!" Chang Xian spoke in a low voice.

His pair of icy cold eyes stared fixedly at Chen Shao Shuai.

He was looking for an opportunity that would make Chen Shao Shuai not be on guard and allow him to kill Chen Shao Shuai in one go.

"Sword Young Master!" Outside the combat ring, Duan Ling Tian withdrew his Spiritual Force that swept onto Chang Xian, and then he frowned as he sent a voice transmission into Chen Shao Shuai's ears. "He's a seventh level Void Prying Stage martial artist."

Seventh level of the Void Prying Stage?

Chen Shao Shuai's pupils constricted abruptly when he heard this.

When Chang Xian dared come out at this moment, he knew that Chang Xian's strength was stronger by that person he'd just killed.

But he never expected that this Chang Xian was actually a seventh level Void Prying Stage martial artist.

"Duan Ling Tian, how do you know?" Chen Shao Shuai was shocked.

"Don't ask so many questions now, hurry up and admit defeat!" When Duan Ling Tian saw the Origin Energy on Chang Xian's body start to pulsate, his face went slightly grim as he urged Chen Shao Shuai via voice transmission.

"I admit defeat!" Chen Shao Shuai perceived the urgency in Duan Ling Tian's words, and he didn't dare hesitate to hurriedly admit defeat in a loud voice.

Admit defeat?

This scene caused everyone present to be astounded.

They were originally anticipating a fierce struggle, yet they never expected that it would end like this.

"You... You actually admitted defeat?" Chang Xian looked at Chen Shao Shuai with a gloomy expression, and the Origin Energy on his body gradually started rising.

"You're at the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage, and you ought to possess a grade five spirit sword as well... Even if you haven't comprehended Advanced Force, I'm still not a match for you." Chen Shao Shuai smiled as he left the combat ring in a natural and poised manner.

The expression of Chang Xian who remained on the combat ring changed to an expression of shock. "You... How did you know?!"

The instant Chang Xian's expression turned to shock, the Origin Energy on his body surged to the extreme.

Whoosh!

In the sky above him, a lifelike ancient horned dragon silhouettes condensed into form.

"He's really at the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage!" Many people exclaimed in shock.

"Dammit!" On the high platform, Wei Kun's expression was unsightly to the extreme. "How did this Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Sword Young Master know Chang Xian's cultivation?"

Chi Ming instead started laughing, and he laughed extremely brilliantly.

"Duan Ling Tian, thank you." After he left the combat ring, Chen Shao Shuai stood by Duan Ling Tian's side, and he felt a slight lingering fear in his heart as he looked at the ancient horned dragon silhouette over Chang Xian's head.

"When did you become so courteous?" Duan Ling Tian shook his head and smiled as he replied via voice transmission.

"If it wasn't for your warning, and I wasn't prepared... It would be difficult for me to escape death!" Chen Shao Shuai had a serious expression.

"Sword Young Master, how did you know he's a seventh level Void Prying Stage martial artist?" Luo Zhan looked at Chen Shao Shuai and asked curiously.

Chen Shao Shuai shrugged and smiled, yet said no more.

Luo Zhan thought that Chen Shao Shuai had something that made him unable to disclose the answer, so Luo Zhan didn't continue asking.

Perhaps Luo Zhan had never imagined that it was utterly not Chen Shao Shuai who'd discerned Chang Xian's cultivation earlier.

"Duan Ling Tian, how did you do it?" Chen Shao Shuai asked Duan Ling Tian via voice transmission.

"It's a secret." Duan Ling Tian glanced deeply at Chen Shao Shuai, and he received an eye roll from Chen Shao Shuai in return.

But Chen Shao Shuai perceived that Duan Ling Tian didn't want to speak of it, so he didn't continue asking to get to the bottom of it.

"Do the members of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom only know how to run away in the face of battle? You don't even have the courage to have a battle with me, Chang Xian? Pitiable!"

Suddenly, an irritating voice of ridicule sounded out.

The expressions of Duan Ling Tian and the others became gloomy and they glared angrily at Chang Xian who was on the combat ring.

"What're all of you glaring at? Could it be that I said something wrong? Does anyone from your Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom dare fight me?" Chang Xian ridiculed.

"The members of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom are trash as expected!"

"Exactly, a group of trash!"

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The other three young geniuses of the Bazho Imperial Kingdom added fuel to the fire.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian's group had become the center of attraction for everyone present, and it was even to the point that no one watched the battles on the other eight combat rings.

"Hmph!" Right at this moment, a cold grunt suddenly sounded out.

Subsequently, a swift figure flashed out like the wind and flew onto the combat ring in the blink of an eye to stand in confrontation with Chang Xian.

"Long Yun." Duan Ling Tian was originally already intending to ascend to the combat ring and crush the airs Chang Xian was putting on.

Yet he never expected that Saber Young Master, Long Yun, would be a step ahead of him.

"Is Saber Young Master a match for him?" Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai were both slightly worried.

"Don't worry." Duan Ling Tian and Su Li practically spoke at the same time, and it was as if their hearts were linked.

Subsequently, the two of them looked at each other and couldn't help but laugh.

When they saw that Duan Ling Tian and Su Li were so confident of Long Yun, Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai both heaved a sigh of relief.

Although they couldn't be considered to be familiar with Long Yun, Long Yun was representing the Azure Forest Imperial

Kingdom now, and he shared weal or woe with them.

They naturally hoped that Long Yun was able to win.

"Looks like there really isn't anyone talented in your Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom... Your age seems to be even younger than Sword Young Master, right?" Chang Xian looked at Long Yun and said in disdain, "I, Chang Xian, don't kill nameless people. Who are you? Speak your name!"

"One of the five great young masters of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom that all of you look down upon, Saber Young Master." Long Yun's tone was calm and didn't contain any feelings.

Saber Young Master!

As soon as Long Yun finished speaking, it caused another wave of shocked exclams to rise.

"Saber Young Master? Looks like he's another one of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's five great young masters... I wonder what's this Saber Young Master's rank amongst the five great young master." Many people wondered.

"I've heard of Saber Young Master... This Saber Young Master is the person that's ranked last amongst the five great young masters!" Some people that knew about it spoke out.

"What?! The person that's ranked last? Is there really no one

talented in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom?" Instantly, many people were dumbstruck.

"Saber Young Master? Courting death!" On the high platform, Wei Kun revealed a frenzied smile.

As far as he was concerned, a figure that was ranked last amongst the five great young masters would have a strength that was even inferior to Sword Young Master, yet he'd actually dared to ascend to the ring?

It was simply courting death!

But when he saw Chi Ming sitting over there with a calm expression, his heart couldn't help but jerk as a bad premonition arose in his heart.

"Chang..." Right when he intended to stop Chang Xian, he noticed that Chang Xian had already made a move.

"Saber Young Master? The last amongst the five great young masters?" At the same time that Chang Xian laughed in ridicule, his figure flashed out like a bolt of lightning that shot out. "If you are reborn, properly remember not to forcefully stand out!" Chang Xian's words had obviously taken Long Yun to be a dead man.

Om!

Chang Xian's body flashed out and a spirit saber that was thin as

a cicada's wings appeared out of thin air in his hand.

Origin Energy suffused onto the spirit saber before it tore through the sky and swept towards Long Yun.

In the sky, another 4,800 ancient mammoth silhouettes condensed into form at the side of the ancient horned dragon silhouette...

Obviously, it was a grade five spirit saber in Chang Xian's hand.

Hiss!

Along with the Origin Energy leaping about on the spirit saber in Chang Xian's hand, strands of fiery red colored energy gradually condensed into form.

Instantly, the spirit saber in Chang Xian's hand transformed into a flaming saber that slashed towards Long Yun, and another 2,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes condensed into form.

Advanced Fire Force!

An ancient horned dragon silhouette took the lead, and it dragged along another 6,800 ancient mammoth silhouettes behind it as all of them charged towards Long Yun together.

"Advanced Fire Force!" Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai's faces

became grim, as they never expected that Chang Xian had actually comprehended Advanced Fire Force.

For a time, they broke out in cold sweat for Long Yun, whereas on the high platform, a serious expression appeared on Chi Ming's face as well.

As for Wei Kun, when he noticed Chi Ming's serious expression, he instead started laughing, and his gaze once again returned onto the combat ring.

He seemed as if he'd already seen the scene of Long Yun being killed by Chang Xian.

At that time, he would be able to feel proud and flaunt before his old rival, Chi Ming.

"Not bad." At this moment, even King Yong couldn't refrain from speaking, and he nodded in praise.

This caused Wei Kun to be even more delighted, and it was as if he'd taken some stimulants.

"Do you think that only you've comprehended Advanced Force?" Right when most people thought that Long Yun would be killed by Chang Xian, Long Yun had finally made a move.

Om!

The Origin Energy on Long Yun's body skyrocketed as a spirit saber swept out from his hand, and the swift saber was accompanied by Origin Energy and Saber Force as it condensed into a demonic lotus that moved to intercept the flame sword in Chang Xian's hand.

Bang!

An enormous bang sounded out, the demonic lotus that the spirit saber in Long Yun's hand had transformed into had easily destroyed the flame saber.

"AH!" A miserable shrill cry resounded in the surroundings, and it caused most people to be unable to help but feel a chill run down their spines.

In next to no time, the shrill cry stopped abruptly.

Bang!

Under the gazes of everyone present, Chang Xian fell to the ground.

"Eighth... Eighth level of the Void Prying Stage!" On the jade platform, one of the representatives looked at the ancient horned dragon and ancient mammoth silhouettes in the sky above Long Yun and exclaimed in shock.

For a time, Long Yun, who was in the combat ring, had become the absolute center of attention.

Long Yun, Saber Young Master, the person that was ranked at the last amongst the five great young masters of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

He'd relied on his cultivation at the eighth level of the Void Prying Stage, Advanced Saber Force, and a grade five spirit saber to instantly kill the number one young genius in the younger generation of the Bazho Imperial Kingdom with a single saber strike.

Chapter 582: Saber Barrier

"No... Impossible!" On the jade platform, Wei Kun and the other representative stood up. Both of them stared blankly at Long Yun on the combat ring, and they were unwilling to believe that all this was true.

Amongst the five young geniuses that had come from their Bazho Imperial Kingdom this time, Chang Xian was undoubtedly the strongest.

His cultivation was at the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage, had comprehended Advanced Fire Force, and he even possessed a grade five spirit saber to rely on.

However, even then, he was still killed.

Most importantly, Chang Xian was killed by the members of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

This caused it to be difficult for him to endure it in his heart.

Because of a rare mineral vein at the common border between their Bazho Imperial Kingdom and the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, they had already been at odds with the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom since long ago.

It was even to the extent that every 20 years, the two Imperial Kingdoms would hold a martial competition amongst the young

geniuses of the two Imperial Kingdoms.

The winner of the competition would obtain the rights to mine the mineral vein.

For many years, it had always been the Bazho Imperial Kingdom that obtained the rights.

So in the eyes of the members of Bazho Imperial Kingdom, the members of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom had always been trampled by them beneath their feet.

Today, a young genius of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom had killed the number one young genius of their Bazho Imperial Kingdom with a single sword strike, and it caused him to be slightly unable to accept it.

"How could this be possible!? Chang Xian was killed by a single saber strike!"

"Eighth level of the Void Prying Stage... An eighth level Void Prying Stage martial artist has actually been born in the younger generation of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom!"

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The three remaining young geniuses of the Bazho Imperial Kingdom had extremely unsightly expressions.

When they looked at Long Yun who was in the combat ring, their eyes were filled with terror.

"Advanced Saber Force!" Duan Ling Tian's eyes narrowed at he focused his gaze onto Long Yun, and waves of shock surged in his heart.

Although he was mentally prepared since long ago, he still couldn't help but feel shocked.

Besides that, he used a grade five spirit saber this time... Looks like he hid his strength during the young genius competition in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom a year ago. Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

He still remembered that the spirit saber Long Yun used that day was only a grade six spirit saber.

"Looks like we've already been thrown off far behind by Long Yun." Luo Zhan looked at Chen Shao Shuai with a bitter smile on his face.

"Crazy Young Master, has your Fire Force broken through to the Advanced stage?" Chen Shao Shuai asked.

"Not yet." Luo Zhan shook his head and sighed. "Presently, amongst all of us, I have instead become the person at the bottom." Luo Zhan's tone was filled with a sigh.

He, Crazy Young Master, was the person ranked at the lead amongst the five great young masters that were widely known in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

But now, his strength had already been surpassed by Chen Shao Shuai and Long Yun who were ranked at the end amongst the five great young masters, and this caused him to feel extremely uncomfortable in his heart.

"All of you three... Come up the ring together!" Long Yun stood on the combat ring with his saber laying horizontally before him, and his fierce gaze shot onto the remaining three young geniuses of the Bazho Imperial Kingdom as he spoke indifferently.

Three against one!

Instantly, the surroundings burst into an uproar.

"This Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Saber Young Master is so arrogant!"

"He's arrogant because he has the qualifications to be arrogant... If it was another person, I'm afraid they wouldn't even be able to defeat that Bazho Imperial Kingdom's Chang Xian."

"Tsk tsk... These three young geniuses of the Bazho Imperial Kingdom have all gone pale. Looks like they don't dare ascend to the combat ring."

"Didn't you hear what Chang Xian who was killed by Saber Young Master said earlier? Chang Xian was the number one genius in the younger generation of the Bazho Imperial Kingdom! Even the number one genius was killed, and you're still counting on them?"

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The surrounding crowd of spectators discussed animatedly.

These words entered into the ears of the three young men from Bazho Imperial Kingdom, it caused them to tremble as if struck by lightning, and their expressions were extremely unsightly.

But when faced with Long Yun's challenge, they had instead tacitly chosen to not take action at all.

Their legs seemed as if they were filled with lead, and it was difficult for them to move a single step.

If someone were to carefully observe them, the person would surely be able to notice that the bodies of those three were shivering at this moment.

What a joke!

Even Chang Xian was killed, so wouldn't they be looking for a

beating if they ascended to the ring?

All three of them were only martial artists at the sixth level of the Void Prying Stage, and they'd only comprehended Half-step Advanced Force.

Although all of them had grade five spirit weapons to rely on, they felt that even if they joined forces, it would be impossible for them to be a match for Long Yun.

"Trash!" Long Yun grunted coldly, and spoke in disdain.

"Haha... Wei Kun, looks like the members of your Bazho Imperial Kingdom are only a group of cowards! They don't even dare to fight a battle that's three of them against one enemy." On the jade platform, Chi Ming looked at Wei Kun, and his voice transmission was filled with complacency.

Wei Kun's face sank, yet he had nothing to say in reply.

This time, their Bazho Imperial Kingdom had lost face extremely greatly!

"All three of you ascend a different combat ring later and try your best to provoke those two people from the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom that are the youngest... As for that person with the slightly older age, don't go offend him." Wei Kun's voice transmission entered into the ears of the remaining three young geniuses of the Bazho Imperial Kingdom.

"Hmm?" In the next moment, Duan Ling Tian was chatting idly with Su Li when he suddenly felt three burning gazes lock on to him and Su Li, and he couldn't help but be stunned.

"Duan Ling Tian, looks like the members of Bazho Imperial Kingdom have taken us to be 'ripe persimmons' that are easy to squash," said Su Li with a smile.

"That will depend on if they have the ability to squash us." Duan Ling Tian started smiling as well.

"Since the trash of the Bazho Imperial Kingdom don't dare to ascend to the ring... Then is there anyone else that will come battle me, Long Yun?" Long Yun's voice was like a large bell as it sounded out.

"Allow me!" Right at this moment, a figure that was like the wind flashed out to ascend the combat ring.

This was a young man around the age of 35, his face as beautiful as a jade ornament, his eyes like an array of stars, and as he stood there, he revealed a graceful bearing.

The young man wore a scholar's robes and he held a fan in his hand.

This fan was no ordinary fan, and it only had the framework of the fan but no actual fan covering.

"Grade five spirit weapon!" Duan Ling Tian's brows raised when he discerned the grade of the fan in the young man's hand.

"Darkstone Empire's Imperial City's Gao Clan, Gao Yu Hai." The young man dressed in a scholar's attire looked at Long Yun and lightly smiled.

"Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, Long Yun." Long Yun replied indifferently.

"Please." Gao Yu Hai had an elegant bearing, and even when he was facing Long Yun in battle, he still revealed his bearing.

"It's Young Master Yu Hai!"

"Young Master Yu Hai is so handsome!"

"Young Master Yu Hai, I love you."

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The surrounding crowd of people resounded with waves of sharp cries.

The owners of these voices were all women, and there was even no lack of some widows.

"This Gao Yu Hai's appearance is really fake." Chen Shao Shuai grunted.

"Sword Young Master, why do I feel your words are slightly sour?" Luo Zhan smiled.

"Sword Young Master is probably jealous of him." Duan Ling Tian pierced the truth with a single remark.

"I'm jealous of him?" Chen Shao Shuai rolled his eyes at Duan Ling Tian. "I can't be bothered to pay attention to you."

In the combat ring.

Whoosh!

Long Yun chose to strike first and gain the advantage, his body flashed out, and he seemed to have transformed into a fierce tiger that pounced towards Gao Yu Hai.

Gao Yu Hai dared to enter the ring and it was undoubtedly because he was extremely confident of his own strength.

So Long Yun didn't dare be careless.

Demonic Lotusblade Technique!

The Origin Energy on the grade five spirit saber in Long Yun's hands first skyrocketed then converged to transform into a demonic lotus that was like a fierce tiger's opened bloody mouth that bit towards Gao Yu Hai.

Long Yun had utilized his full strength in the first move.

His Origin Energy at the eighth level of the Void Prying Stage had exploded out completely, the amplification of the grade five spirit saber was completely revealed, and his Advanced Saber Force blasted out.

In the sky above him, an ancient horned dragon silhouette was escorted by over 8,200 ancient mammoth silhouettes as it flew out with an imposing manner that shot into the sky like a rainbow.

On the other side, the smile on Gao Yu Hai's face had been completely restrained as well.

Whoosh!

In the next moment, Gao Yu Hai made his move.

He actually chose to move up to intercept Long Yun, and the Origin Energy on the fan in his hand rose sharply and was mixed with strands of fierce aura as the fan swept towards the demonic lotus that moved over with Long Yun.

In the sky, an ancient horned dragon silhouette and over 8,200 ancient mammoth silhouettes had appeared as well.

"Advanced Saber Force!" Duan Ling Tian wasn't surprised that Gao Yu Hai revealed a cultivation at the eighth level of the Void Prying Stage.

What caused Duan Ling Tian to be surprised was the Force that Gao Yu Hai revealed.

It was actually Advanced Saber Force.

Gao Yu Hai's Saber Force had flawlessly fused into the fan in his hand as it swept out, and it seemed to have transformed into a crescent that collided with the demonic lotus.

Clang!

The sound of weapons colliding sounded out abruptly, and it was incomparably jarring to the ear.

Amongst the crowd of spectators, some of them with comparatively lower cultivations felt a piercing pain in their ear drums, and their faces flushed red as their bodies trembled.

Bang!

The boundless Origin Energy and Saber Forces fiercely collided

together.

Instantly, the air seemed as if it was completely sucked out.

Vast amounts of airflow swept out with the point of collision as its center, and it seemed to have transformed into circle after circle of ripples that gave rise to waves of violent winds.

The clothes worn by the people present were successively blown up, yet it didn't draw the attention of others in the slightest.

The gazes of everyone had descended onto the combat ring, and they were all curious about the outcome of the battle.

In the combat ring, the two people that collided together had separated right after the collision.

Long Yun had moved back two steps, whereas, Gao Yu Hai had instead taken five steps back.

On Long Yun's body, strands of faint saber energy could be vaguely seen to be gradually being withdrawn back into his body.

"Earth Rank defensive martial skill!" Duan Ling Tian's pupils constricted.

"I admit defeat." Meanwhile, Gao Yu Hai admitted defeat.

"He admitted defeat?"

"Weren't they evenly matched?"

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The surrounding crowd of spectators went into an uproar, and they all felt disbelief.

In their eyes, Long Yun and Gao Yu Hai had similar strength.

Gao Yu Hao had admitted defeat after only a single move?

What's going on?

"Yu Hai is sincerely convinced of Saber Young Master's strength... Yet I wonder, what Earth Rank defensive martial skill did you execute earlier?" Gao Yu Hai looked at Long Yun as he asked sincerely.

Earth Rank defensive martial skill?

Gao Yu Hai's words caused the surroundings to become deathly silent.

For a time, the gazes of everyone descended onto Long Yun.

Earth Rank defensive martial skill!

Normally, an Earth Rank defensive martial skill was something that only a martial artist that had comprehended Earth Force or Earth Concept was able to execute.

Of course, there were a small amount of Earth Rank defensive martial skills that were able to be executed when combined with other types of Force and Concept.

This type of martial skill was extremely rare.

Although it was inferior to the defensive martial skill executed using Earth Force and Earth Concept, yet it was sufficient to occupy a position of advantage against an opponent of equal strength.

Just like the current Long Yun.

"Saber Barrier." Long Yun spoke indifferently.

"Saber Barrier... I've remembered it." Gao Yu Hao nodded, and then he descended from the combat ring in an elegant manner.

Although he'd lost, he'd lost with poise, and it caused others to be unable to refrain from feeling admiration.

Saber Barrier? Duan Ling Tian's brows raised as he thought to

himself. It's slightly similar to the Ironwall Sword Body Ji Feng executed that day... But, Ji Feng's Ironwall Sword Body is at most only a low grade Earth Rank defensive martial skill.

This Long Yun's Saber Barrier ought to be a high grade Earth Rank defensive martial skill.

Chapter 583: Sword Concept

"I never imagined that this Saber Young Master had actually cultivated an Earth Rank defensive martial skill!"

"It seems to not be an ordinary Earth Rank defensive martial skill... If it's a low grade Earth Rank martial skill, then even if it's cultivated to the Perfection Stage, it might not be able to resist Young Master Gao's attack."

"Cultivating an Earth Rank defensive martial skill with Earth Force or Earth Concept is the way of kings... Using other Force or Concept to cultivate an Earth Rank defensive martial skill is lacking in the end."

"The Earth Rank defensive martial skill cultivated by this Saber Young Master is very likely a middle grade or high grade Earth Rank defensive martial skill."

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The surrounding crowd of spectators discussed animatedly.

Even if it was the representatives of the various powers and Imperial Kingdoms, their expressions had become serious.

Although low grade Earth Rank defensive martial skills that were executed by other Forces and Concepts besides the Earth Force or Earth Concept were rare, if they wanted one, they had methods of

obtaining it.

But this this level of defensive martial skill wasn't of any use towards martial artists whose strength was approaching the Void Initiation Stage or at the Void Initiation Stage and above.

Even if they executed it, it would be like a piece of paper before an opponent of similar strength as them.

A middle grade or high grade Earth Rank defensive martial skill was different.

A middle grade Earth Rank defensive martial skill had an extremely great use towards Void Initiation Stage martial artists.

Of course, if a martial artist at the seventh level of the Void Initiation Stage or above used his full strength, the martial artist was practically able to disregard a middle grade Earth Rank defensive martial skill.

As for a high grade Earth Rank defensive martial skill, it had a great use until one stepped into the seventh level of the Void Interpretation Stage.

For a time, many people looked at Long Yun with gazes filled with envy, jealousy, and greed.

All this was because Long Yun had executed that Earth Rank defensive martial skill earlier.

The other eight combat rings were filled with noise and excitement as well.

The eight combat ring masters changed unceasingly, and the strength of the master became stronger and stronger, whereas, on the combat ring that Long Yun stood on, there was temporarily no one that challenged him.

"Duan Ling Tian!" Long Yun's burning gaze stared at Duan Ling Tian, and his eyes were filled with burning battle intent.

But from the beginning until the end, Duan Ling Tian utterly had no intention of paying attention to him.

Meanwhile, one of the three remaining Bazho Imperial Kingdom young geniuses had defeated the combat ring master of another combat ring to become the new master.

"You, and you... Do you two dare battle me?" The young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom glanced at Duan Ling Tian before glancing at Su Li and asking with a deep voice.

Instantly, a wave of booing sounded out in the surroundings as expected.

"Do members of the Bazho Imperial Kingdom specialize in choosing ripe persimmons to squash?"

"Amongst the five young geniuses of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, besides that Saber Young Master who's already on another combat ring and that Sword Young Master, only the other three people haven't fought yet... One of them has the oldest age, and he's probably a figure that's ranked at the top portion of the five great young masters. As for the other two people, they ought to not be figures from the five great young masters."

"Between these two people, the one with an older age seems to only be 27 or 28, and the younger one looks to be around 25."

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The surrounding crowd of spectators discussed animatedly.

Many people sneered at the choice of the young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom.

"Su Li, he wants to challenge you and me? Will you go first, or shall I?" Duan Ling Tian looked at Su Li and asked with a smile.

"I'll go first." As soon as Su Li finished speaking, he leaped up onto the combat ring and stood in confrontation with the young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom.

"You're a figure from the five great young masters of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom as well?" The young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom seemed to want to confirm Su Li's identity.

"No." Su Li spoke indifferently.

Meanwhile, the young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom heaved a sigh of relief, and a bloody sheen arose in his eyes. "Then don't hope of returning with your life this time!"

"You want to kill me?" A strand of killing intent was faintly brewing in the depths of Su Li's eyes.

"Of course!" The young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom spoke as a matter of course.

When Duan Ling Tian heard the words spoken by the young man, he couldn't help but glance at the young man in pity.

This fellow, a mere sixth level Void Prying Stage martial artist wanted to kill Su Li?

"That'll depend on if you have the ability." Su Li didn't get angry, but instead started laughing, but the killing intent in the depths of his eyes had already been brewed to the point of appearing in his eyes.

"Hmph!" The young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom grunted coldly, and then his figure flashed like a bolt of lightning to shoot towards Su Li.

In his hand, Origin Energy skyrocketed on a grade five spirit weapon, and it carried along strands of gentle blue colored

energy...

Half-step Advanced Water Force!

In the sky, an ancient horned dragon silhouette was escorted by 2,300 plus ancient mammoth silhouettes as they gushed towards Su Li.

Sixth level Void Prying Stage.

Grade five spirit weapon.

"Die!" The young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom shouted out explosively as he pounced towards Su Li, and he actually intended to kill Su Li with a single strike.

When the young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom an extremely short distance away, Su Li made a move.

Origin Energy gradually pulsated in Su Li's hand to instantly form a three foot long blade, Origin Energy flickered on the tip of the sword, and it was extremely sharp.

Along with Su Li's Origin Energy roiling, an ancient horned dragon silhouettes that was escorted by 2,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared out of thin air above him.

"Ninth.... Ninth level of the Void Prying Stage!" Instantly,

someone exclaimed out in shock.

A single stone caused a thousand ripples.

Only now did the people present realize that Su Li's current movements didn't utilize Force or a spirit weapon.

He'd only used pure Origin Energy to draw upon the energy of heaven and earth to form an ancient horned dragon silhouette and 2,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes.

This was obviously the symbol of a ninth level Void Prying Stage martial artist!

"How strong!" Presently, the young geniuses of the various powers and Imperial Kingdoms, including the young geniuses that were in fierce battle on the other eight combat rings had stopped fighting, and they stared blankly at the 'phenomenon' in the sky above Su Li.

"Ninth level of the Void Prying Stage! This Su Li..." Chi Ming and Prince Sheng couldn't help but be moved.

Bang!

The representative of Bazho Imperial Kingdom, Wei Kun's, hand clenched slightly and broke the armrest of the chair, yet he wasn't aware of it.

"He's a ninth level Void Prying Stage martial artist, admit defeat quickly!" At the same time, Wei Kun hurriedly sent a voice transmission to pierce into the ears of the young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom that pounced towards Su Li.

But would he be in time?

Swish!

On the combat ring, after Su Li condensed his Origin Energy into a three foot long blade, he swiftly stabbed towards the combat ring beneath him.

Right at this instant, strands of aura that was sharp to the extreme stretched out abruptly on the three foot long blade in Su Li's hand...

Whoosh!

At this instant, another ancient horned dragon appeared in the sky.

Bang!

At the same time, the three foot long blade in Su Li's hand that was condensed from Origin Energy descended onto the combat ring, and he was instead brought flying by the repulsive force to

easily dodge the attack from the Bazho Imperial Kingdom's young man that approached menacingly.

In the next moment, Su Li had dodged behind the young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom.

"I admit..." Meanwhile, the young man received Wei Kun's voice transmission and opened his mouth, intending to admit defeat.

But he didn't have the chance to say the word 'defeat.'

Swish!

A three foot long blade that was like a stroke of the gods pierced through from his back, and along with the three foot long blade that was condensed from Origin Energy dispersing.

Bang!

Fresh blood shot out violently from the chest and back of the young man, and his entire body fell into a pool of blood.

After twitching for a few times, he was completely devoid of any signs of life.

Dead!

But besides the few people from the Bazho Imperial Kingdom, no one had the time to pay attention to his life or death now.

The gazes of most people had simultaneously descended onto the combat ring, and descended onto the two ancient horned dragon silhouettes and 2,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes in the sky above the red clothed young man that were accumulating force while waiting to be deployed.

"First... First level Sword Concept!"

"A ninth level Void Prying Stage martial that isn't using a spirit weapon obtained an extra strength of one ancient horned dragon... This red clothed young man from the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom has comprehended first level Sword Concept!"

"This red clothed young man is already half way into the Void Initiation Stage... He's completely capable of breaking through to the Void Initiation Stage before the Martial Competition of the Dynasty starts!"

"He'll surely occupy one of the 10 positions today."

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The surrounding crowd of spectators discussed animatedly.

Su Li's strength had shocked them.

"Not yet thirty yet at the ninth level of the Void Prying Stage and has comprehended first level Sword Concept..." King Yong's sonorous voice slowly sounded out.

"You, what's your name?" King Yong's gaze descended onto the red clothed young man and asked.

Instantly, many of the young geniuses' present looked at Su Li with envy.

After all, not everyone was able to make King Yong take the initiative to ask for their name.

"Su Li." On the combat ring, Su Li nodded to King Yong and spoke neither humbly nor arrogantly.

"Su Li, I've remembered you." King Yong lightly smiled as he nodded, and he was extremely amiable to Su Li.

"Alas... Revered Elder Wei, I'm truly sorry. These little fellows are too impetuous and don't know how to hold back." Chi Ming looked at Wei Kun and shook his head as he sighed, and then he said via voice transmission, "Why not you take the remaining two young geniuses of your Bazho Imperial Kingdom and leave? So as to avoid that in the end, you'd have come with seven yet go home as two."

"Chi Ming!" Wei Kun's body trembled, he was angered to the

point his face flushed red, his eyeballs seemed about to split, and he almost spat out a mouthful of blood.

The remaining two young geniuses from Bazho Imperial Kingdom looked at each other and could see the terror in each other's eyes.

Meanwhile, no one ascended the combat ring Su Li was on to battle him.

The two great young geniuses of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom had both occupied a combat ring each.

"The Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom can be said to be in the limelight this time!"

"Yeah, two monsters have actually come from such a small Imperial Kingdom..."

"If nothing unexpected happens, both of these two people ought to be able to obtain one of the ten positions to head to the Darkhan Dynasty."

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Many people looked favorably upon Su Li and Long Yun.

Time silently passed by.

Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai had successively ascended to the other combat rings.

But unfortunately, with their strengths, they weren't able to become a combat ringmaster that no one challenged.

"Duan Ling Tian, the two of us probably have no fate with those 10 positions... Everything will depend on you, Su Li, and Long Yun." Luo Zhan sighed.

"No wonder they say that experts are numerous like the clouds in the Empire... I originally thought that after I broke through to the sixth level of the Void Prying Stage, my strength could already be considered to be not bad. But now, if one doesn't possess a cultivation at the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage or above, it's extremely difficult to become one of the final combat ring masters." Chen Shao Shuai deeply agreed.

"Both of you shouldn't feel dejected... Besides Su Li and Long Yun, all these martial artists at the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage or above are older than both of you. When both of you are of the same age as them, you two might not be inferior to them." Duan Ling Tian consoled.

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Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai both nodded when they heard Duan Ling Tian's words of consolation, but the corners of their mouths couldn't help but curl into a wisp of a bitter expression.

Duan Ling Tian noticed the dejected feelings of Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai.

Duan Ling Tian let out a breath of air when he saw his consolation was of no effect, and he sent a voice transmission into the ears of Chen Shao Shuai and Luo Zhan. "Both of you don't have to belittle yourselves... No matter if it was Su Li, Long Yun, or me, it's all because we wander about outside and obtain fortuitous encounters that we possess these accomplishments today."

"If we didn't have any fortuitous encounters, then we might not be able to compare to the two of you." Duan Ling Tian spoke slowly.

When Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai heard Duan Ling Tian's words, their originally dim eyes abruptly lit up at this moment.

Fortuitous encounters!

Both of them looked at each other and saw tacit understanding within the eyes of each other.

This was something that Duan Ling Tian didn't quite notice.

Presently, Duan Ling Tian's gaze had descended onto one of the remaining two young geniuses of the Bazho Imperial Kingdom.

This person had ascended onto a combat ring and was battling a sixth level Void Prying Stage martial artist.

In the end, he'd obtained victory! And his abilities were completely revealed before Duan Ling Tian's eyes.

Sixth level of the Void Prying Stage.

Half-step Advanced Force.

Grade five spirit weapon.

"Kid from the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, amongst the five of you, it seems that only you haven't ascended to the combat ring... You wouldn't have occupied a position from the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom just for the sake of watching the show, right?" The young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom stood on the combat ring as he looked at Duan Ling Tian with a provocative gaze. "Do you dare ascend to the ring and fight me?"

This caused all the people that were intending to ascend to the combat ring and battle the young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom to stop their footsteps.

They were happy to watch the show.

For a time, Duan Ling Tian had become the absolute center of attention.

"This young man is one of the five young geniuses from the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom as well.... Yet up until now, he still hasn't entered the ring."

"He looks to be around the age of 25, and he's even younger than Su Li."

"The members of Bazho Imperial Kingdom are just like before, fond of choosing ripe persimmons to squash."

"Haha! They took Su Li to be a ripe persimmon earlier... I almost laughed myself to death!"

"I wonder if this young man possesses a natural talent and comprehension ability like Su Li?"

"I don't think so. Even in our Darkstone Empire, Su Li's natural talent and comprehension ability could be considered to be at the top."

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The surrounding crowd of spectators discussed animatedly.

Under the gazes of everyone present, Duan Ling Tian moved, seeming to have transformed into a gust of wind that descended onto the combat ring and stand in confrontation with the young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom.

On the other hand, when he saw Duan Ling Tian ascend to the combat ring so readily, the young man from Bazho Imperial Kingdom felt slightly lacking in confidence.

He originally thought that Duan Ling Tian wouldn't dare ascend to the combat ring, and in this way, he would be able to wantonly humiliate Duan Ling Tian.

"What? Regret provoking me?" Duan Ling Tian looked at the young man as he spoke indifferently.

The young man's expression sank slightly.

He was indeed regretful, but could he speak of it?

Could he afford to lose this face?

"How about this... I'll give you a chance." Duan Ling Tian's gaze shot at the final young genius from Bazho Imperial Kingdom that was outside the combat ring. "You ascend the combat ring as well. I'll challenge the both of you together!" As he finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian placed emphasis on his tone.

"Of course, if both of you don't dare, you can admit defeat." Duan Ling Tian's face quickly revealed a bright and brilliant smile, and it seemed as if he was already sure that the two young men from Bazho Imperial Kingdom would admit defeat.

"Hmph! Playing tricks!" On the high platform, Wei Kun snorted coldly, and then he looked at Duan Ling Tian with an expression that seemed to be saying 'I've already seen through your tricks.'

There were two reasons Wei Kun would think like this.

This first was that he saw Chi Ming frowning.

The second was that he didn't think that this young man that was merely around the age of 25 would be so strong.

"Huang Dong, Hu Wei, since he insists on courting death, then both of you should properly fulfil his wishes!" Wei Kun's voice transmission went out.

The two young geniuses from Bazho Imperial Kingdom heaved a sigh of relief when they heard Wei Kun.

"Since you want to court death, then I and Hu Wei will send you off!" The young man outside the combat ring, Huang Dong, flew up to descend onto the combat ring before standing shoulder to shoulder with Hu Wei in confrontation with Duan Ling Tian.

"Wait!" Right at this moment, a sonorous voice sounded out from the high platform.

It was Chi Ming he looked at King Yong and spoke with a 'serious' expression. "King Yong, these two young men from Bazho Imperial Kingdom fighting two against one seems to go against the rules of the Young Genius Competition, right?"

"Chi Ming!" King Yong hadn't even spoken when Wei Kun couldn't refrain from ridiculing. "Earlier, everyone present here heard it extremely clearly... It's the member of your Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom that spoke of jointly challenging the two young geniuses of our Bazho Imperial Kingdom."

"Now, you want to go back on his word? Do you respect King Yong?" Wei Kun's words were spoken with righteousness.

"Begin." King Yong had finally spoken, and he tacitly consented to the young geniuses of the Bazho Imperial Kingdom going two against one.

It was just like Wei Kun had said, this matter was brought up by the members of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom after all.

Since one had spoken such words, then one must pay the price for it!

Chi Ming sat back down, and his expression was extremely unsightly.

Duan Ling Tian looked at Chi Ming and was slightly bewildered.

What is Vice Dean Chi doing?

Does he have no confidence in me?

Right at this moment.

"Duan Ling Tian, seize the opportunity while those two people from Bazho Imperial Kingdom don't know your ability to kill them before they admit defeat!" An excited voice transmission entered into Duan Ling Tian's ears.

"Vice Dean Chi, you..." Duan Ling Tian was dumbstruck.

He was able to discern that this was Chi Ming's voice transmission.

But the Chi Ming on the high platform seemed to be a different sight.

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian understood.

Chi Ming was intentionally showing weakness to make the two representatives from Bazho Imperial Kingdom to put down their guard.

"He's truly a sly old fox!" Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

"Kid from the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom... We'll send you on your way now!" The Bazho Imperial Kingdom's Hu Wei and Huang Dong revealed frenzied smiles as their figures flashed and they dashed out.

They used all their abilities the instant they attacked.

Sixth level of the Void Prying Stage.

Half-step Advanced Force.

Grade five spirit weapon.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

Two figures that were swift like the wind flashed out, and they were like two venomous serpents that had gone berserk as they bit towards Duan Ling Tian in unison.

It was as if they wouldn't stop until they bit Duan Ling Tian to death.

"Idiots!" The corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth curled into a slight cold smile, and a dim light flashed into appearance in the depths of his eyes.

Thousand Illusions!

Instantly, Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force fused into his soul brand to execute the soul skill that belonged only to him.

An illusory space instantly enveloped Huang Dong and Hu Wei, whereas Duan Ling Tian instead stood on the spot, not moving like a mountain.

"Has this young genius from the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom gone mad?"

"Is he courting death?"

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The surrounding crowd of spectators were dumbstruck when they saw Duan Ling Tian didn't make the slightest move when he was facing the combined attack of the two young men from Bazho Imperial Kingdom, and they all felt that Duan Ling Tian was looking for death.

But in the next moment, they were all stunned simultaneously.

Heaven!

What did I see?

Under the gazes of everyone present, the attacks of Hu Wei and Huang Dong actually turned around and flashed to the side at the instant their attacks were just about to descend onto Duan Ling Tian's body.

Huang Dong and Hu Wei went left and right respectively as they separated and charged towards an empty place on the combat ring and attacked the air.

It was as if they'd lost their minds.

For a time, besides the members from the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom who were mentally prepared since long ago, everyone present, including King Yong, were dumbstruck.

The extremely large center square of the Imperial City flowed with streams of people, yet at this moment, it was terrifyingly silent, and only waves of muffled breathing could be heard.

"What ability is that?" King Yong was the first to recover from his shock, and he had a serious expression.

"Have these two young geniuses from the Bazho Imperial Kingdom gone mad?"

"They're actually attacking the air... Madmen!"

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The surrounding crowd of spectators gradually recovered from their shock as well.

On the high platform, the Bazho Imperial Kingdom's Wei Kun and the other representatives had extremely unsightly expressions.

"Huang Dong, Hu Wei, what are the two of you doing?!" Wei Kun's voice transmission pierced into the ears of Huang Dong and Hu Wei.

Bu, the two of them seemed as if they'd utterly not heard him, and they remained indifferent, continuing to do their best to attack the air.

When Wei Kun instinctively looked at Chi Ming, he instead noticed Chi Ming looking at him as well.

At this moment, there wasn't a single bit of worry on Chi Ming's face.

Wei Kun suddenly realized that perhaps, he'd been deceived by Chi Ming...

"Look, quickly! They're fighting each other." Suddenly, someone shouted out.

Wei Kun glanced over. He saw that the two young geniuses from Bazho Imperial Kingdom had actually started attacking one another, and their eyes were completely red.

"Can anyone tell me what the f**k is going on?" When he saw Huang Dong and Hu Wei doing their utmost best to attack each other and that they would sooner or later perish together if this went on, Wei Kun's face went gloomy, and he felt he was on the verge of going mad from anger.

Especially when he saw the violet clothed young man from the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom standing at the side of the combat ring and was leisurely watching the show.

"Pu!" Wei Kun's vital energy and blood roiled and he was angered to the point he spat out a mouthful of blood.

"King Yong.... I admit defeat on their behalf!" Wei Kun looked at King Yong and spoke with slight loss of composure.

Wei Kun didn't doubt it in the slightest that if this were to continue, all of the five most outstanding young geniuses of the Bazho Imperial Kingdom he brought over would be dead.

"It's only effective if they themselves admit defeat... This is the rules." King Yong replied indifferently.

Wei Kun's body shook as his eyes went crimson red.

"Huang Dong! Hu Wei! Both of you, stop!!" When he noticed voice transmissions were of no use, Wei Kun shouted out with a grim voice as he wanted to restrain Huang Dong and Hu Wei.

But unfortunately, Huang Dong and Hu Wei still didn't hear him, and they continued battling each other...

Not long after, the two of them were fully covered in injuries.

Bang!

Finally, Huang Dong noticed a flaw and killed Hu Wei who was a similar strength as him, whereas Huang Dong whose body was covered in injuries was on the verge of collapse as well.

"Hahahaha... Members of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom are nothing special!" Huang Dong stood there as he laughed loudly into the sky.

His laughter quickly suppressed the clamorous and bustling noise of the scene and caused the scene to return to deathly silence.

After a short moment.

"Has this Huang Dong really gone mad? Does he think he killed the person from the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom?"

"Looks like he has really lost his mind!"

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Many people looked at Huang Dong with a strange gaze.

"Pu!" On the high platform, Wei Kun was once again angered to the point he spat out a mouthful of blood, and his body started trembling intensely.

What exactly was going on?

Why did such a thing happen?

Chapter 585: Zhong Nan

"Hahahaha..." Huang Dong's laughter completely suppressed the whispered discussions of the surrounding crowd of spectators.

Under the gazes of everyone present, Duan Ling Tian stood on the spot without moving like a mountain, yet his hand made a move.

He slowly raised his hand and pointed out.

Instantly.

Swish!

A point force condensed into form from Origin Energy was accompanied by an ancient horned dragon in the sky as it whistled out menacingly and pierced through between Huang Dong's brows.

Pu!

A light sound resounded out, and a bloody hole appeared between Huang Dong's brows before he stiffly fell down, entirely without a trace of life.

He was completely dead.

Up to this point, all five great young geniuses of the Bazho Imperial Kingdom had died.

On the high platform, the Bazho Imperial Kingdom's representative, Wei Kun, and the other representative by his side had livid expressions, and their bodies trembled violently.

All the five young geniuses of their Bazho Imperial Kingdom had actually died...

Moreover, the young geniuses had died before their eyes.

These five people were all pillars of their Bazho Imperial Kingdom in the future.

"Chi Ming!" Influenced by his shame and rage, Wei Kun looked at Chi Ming and spoke with a voice transmission that was filled with violent temper. "It's you, it's all because of you... All of this is because you intentionally dug a hole and make me jump in! It's you who caused their deaths! It's you!!"

When he heard Wei Kun's voice transmission, Chi Ming slowly turned around to look at Wei Kun as if he was looking at an idiot. "Wei Kun, even if I dug a hole, jumping in or not seems to be your own choice, right?"

"Now, you still want to push all the responsibility onto me? First think properly about how you'll explain this matter to the Emperor of your Bazho Imperial Kingdom once you return..."

Hahahaha..." Chi Ming's voice transmission was filled with elated laughter.

In the past, because of the mineral vein competition between the two imperial kingdoms, although the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom and the Bazho Imperial Kingdom didn't start a war, yet they were like fire and water.

They wished for nothing more than to annihilate the other and celebrate after.

Presently, when he saw all of the five most outstanding young geniuses of Bazho Imperial Kingdom die, Chi Ming was extremely happy as well.

Moreover, as far as Chi Ming was concerned, all of this was because Wei Kun and the five young geniuses from Bazho Imperial Kingdom had taken the initiative to provoke them.

Otherwise, the end might have not been like this.

As the saying goes, don't go too far when doing something, so that there's always room for turning back.

The members of the Bazho Imperial Kingdom had obviously not done what these words preached.

"Seventh level of the Void Prying Stage!" Meanwhile, the surroundings went into an uproar.

After Long Yun and Su Li, the violet clothed young man on the combat ring had become the center of attention as expected.

"The Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom is truly heaven defying! First an eighth level Void Prying Stage young genius appeared, then a ninth level Void Prying Stage young genius appeared... Now, the youngest amongst them is actually a seventh level Void Prying Stage martial artist!"

"Based on his looks, he's at most around the age of 25... Such natural talent is sufficient to cause all the young geniuses of our Darkstone Empire to blush with shame."

"After today, the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom is bound to become famous in the entire Darkstone Empire... Or speaking in a more normal way, this Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom has become completely hot!"

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The surrounding crowd of spectators discussed animatedly, and their words were filled with emotional sighs.

"Duan Ling Tian." Chen Shao Shuai and Luo Zhan looked at Duan Ling Tian with faces that were covered in smiles, and they felt happy for Duan Ling Tian.

Of course, there were still slightly shocked in their hearts...

Duan Ling Tian had actually broken through to the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage!

This was something that they didn't know beforehand.

"Duan Ling Tian had broken through to the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage?" Long Yun stood on the combat ring as he looked at Duan Ling Tian who was on another combat ring, and his expression became slightly gloomy. "His natural talent is actually so strong?"

Although Long Yun himself had broken through to the eighth level of the Void Prying Stage, possessing such improvements in a short one year of time was sufficient to make anyone shocked.

But only he knew himself that the reason he had such improvements was completely because he'd successively consumed two spirit fruits during this year...

One of these spirit fruits was even similar to the reward provided to the person that obtained the honor of being the number one young genius in the Empire, the Void Fuse Fruit!

So, he didn't have much yearning towards the Void Fuse Fruit.

Besides obtaining one of the ten positions to head to the Darkhan Dynasty and participate in the Dynasty Martial Competition, his objective was to defeat Duan Ling Tian.

"I wonder if Duan Ling Tian's demonic technique is still effective towards me after I broke through to the eighth level of the Void Prying Stage now." Long Yun thought in his heart.

"Where exactly did Duan Ling Tian learn that demonic technique? Even Master doesn't know what exactly that demonic technique is." This was something that was extremely unbelievable in Long Yun's opinion.

After all, his Master was the strongest existence he'd seen with his own two eyes in his entire lifetime, and even his Master being unable to see through Duan Ling Tian's demonic technique caused him to feel that it was slightly difficult to accept.

"Duan Ling Tian, you didn't disappoint me as expected." Su Li's chilly face was suffused with a wisp of a smile now.

He'd known Duan Ling Tian when he was 18.

At that time, Duan Ling Tian was only a 16 year old youth.

Later on, when Duan Ling Tian revealed his strength time after time, it even caused him to feel a wave of powerlessness.

When they passed through the Iron Blood Army's Genius Camp's test and entered Paladin Academy together, he was even thrown off far behind by Duan Ling Tian.

At that time, he felt that it would be impossible for him to chase up to Duan Ling Tian again in his entire lifetime.

Unexpectedly, the many unforeseen events that happened later on caused him to encounter his current Master, and he'd completely chased up to Duan Ling Tian and even surpassed Duan Ling Tian.

In the past, this was something that he didn't dare imagine.

"Not bad, not bad... The Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom hides many talents! What's your name?" King Yong's burning gaze descended onto Duan Ling Tian as he asked with a light smile.

Under numerous envious and jealous gazes, Duan Ling Tian nodded to King Yong. "King Yong, I'm Duan Ling Tian!"

Duan Ling Tian!

Instantly all the people present deeply remembered this name.

"Duan Ling Tian? Ling Tian... It's a good name." King Yong lightly smiled as he nodded. "I hope that you'll be able to obtain one of the ten positions to head to the Darkhan Dynasty this time... I think highly of you."

I think highly of you.

A short sentence from King Yong had pushed Duan Ling Tian to the front of the storm.

"Duan Ling Tian!" Prince Sheng, who sat by Chi Ming's side, had an ashen expression.

He never imagined that Duan Ling Tian had actually acquired such a great breakthrough suddenly.

The eyes of the numerous young geniuses from the various powers and various Imperial Kingdom's went red.

"I'll come try your strength!" In next to no time, a blue clothed young man flew up to ascend to the combat ring and stand in confrontation with Duan Ling Tian.

This was a seventh level Void Prying Stage martial artist just like Duan Ling Tian, and he even had a grade five spirit weapon to rely on his hands.

However, it was precisely because he only comprehended Half-step Advanced Force that it caused him to be blasted off the combat ring by Duan Ling Tian in a single move.

From the beginning until the end, Duan Ling Tian didn't utilize his soul skill.

As far as he was concerned, an existence like this wasn't enough for him to utilize his soul skill.

As for the two people from the Bazho Imperial Kingdom, he'd done it completely for the sake of playing a cruel joke on them...

The repeated provocation and killing intent revealed by the young geniuses of the Bazho Imperial Kingdom had caused him to feel extreme rage that came from his heart.

"Advanced Wind Force!" The people present were shocked by Duan Ling Tian once again.

Possessing a cultivation at the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage at the age of only around 25 was already sufficient to shock them.

Now, he revealed Advanced Wind Force.

"Perhaps Duan Ling Tian's comprehension ability and natural talent is entirely not inferior to Su Li... The Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom is a miraculous place, it's actually able to give birth to such monsters!"

"If I have the chance, I'll surely head to the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom to pay my respects to this miraculous place."

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The surrounding crowd of spectators sighed with emotion.

On the other hand, the young geniuses present truly realized how terrifying Duan Ling Tian was at this moment.

Meanwhile, combat ring masters that no one challenged had appeared on the other combat rings.

Practically all these combat ring masters were existences at the eighth level of the Void Prying Stage.

Only two combat rings had four seventh level Void Prying Stage martial artists competing on it...

"Duan Ling Tian, right? I, Zhong Nan, will try your strength!" A figure flew up the combat ring Duan Ling Tian stood on, and sure enough, he drew the gazes of everyone present.

"It's Zhong Nan!"

"Zhong Nan is finally making a move..."

"Zhong Nan is ranked the third amongst the younger generation of our Darkstone Empire. His cultivation is at the ninth level of the Void Prying Stage, and he has even comprehended first level Earth Concept!"

"Zhong Nan's strength isn't inferior to the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Su Li."

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The surrounding crowd of spectators went into an uproar.

Ranked the third amongst the younger generation of the Darkstone Empire?

Duan Ling Tian sized up the young man before him in surprise.

The young man was around the age of 35, and he possessed an ordinary appearance that belonged to the kind of being so ordinary he couldn't be found in a crowd.

"Ninth level of the Void Prying Stage and comprehended first level Earth Concept, yet he's actually only ranked third amongst the younger generation of Darkstone Empire?" Duan Ling Tian's heart shook.

Looks like his earlier guess was very likely to be correct.

It was very like that an existence at the Void Initiation Stage and above was present amongst the young geniuses of Darkstone Empire.

"Although I suspect myself to be bullying the young in this battle... But I subconsciously think that you aren't as simple as you seem on the surface." Zhong Nan had a heavy expression when he

faced Duan Ling Tian.

"What do you mean?" Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but be stunned.

"There's nothing to say about you defeating that seventh level Void Prying Stage martial artist earlier... Yet you obviously used an extraordinary ability when dealing with those two young geniuses from Bazho Imperial Kingdom." This time, Zhong Nan sent a voice transmission into Duan Ling Tian's ears.

Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but be surprised when he heard this.

When everyone felt that the two young geniuses from Bazho Imperial Kingdom had lost their minds, this Zhong Nan had actually noticed an inkling?

Whoosh!

With a raise of his hand, a completely pitch black rod appeared on Zhong Nan's hand.

"Grade five spirit rod?" Duan Ling Tian's brows raised, and he noticed the rod in Zhong Nan's hand was a grade five spirit weapon at the first possible moment.

Zhong Nan was the first rod user Duan Ling Tian had seen in the recent years.

A rod was the ancestor of all weapons.

In the world, when sabers, swords, spears, and other weapons hadn't been born, the weapons of everyone was the simplest rod.

So the rod could be said to be the ancestor of all weapons.

Of course, even though the rod was simple, wanting to use it properly wasn't an easy thing.

Although a rod didn't have an edge like a sword and saber...

But once it exploded out, its might was extremely overbearing, and it was even able to shatter the internal organs and all the bones in a person's body.

Chapter 586: Invincible Under The Void

Initiation Stage

"I heard that one month ago, Zhong Nan relied on the grade five spirit rod in his hand to smash a ninth level Void Prying Stage martial artist that had comprehended Advanced Force to death with a single strike!"

"Yeah, Zhong Nan's martial skill, Thousand-Ton Rod, is too overbearing!"

"Supposedly, that Thousand-Ton Rod is a high grade Earth Rank offensive martial skill... Zhong Nan relied on this Thousand-Ton Rod to comprehend all the way through of Earth Force to even comprehend Earth Concept now."

...

When they saw the spirit rod that had appeared in Zhong Nan's hand, the surroundings went into an uproar once again.

Duan Ling Tian heard the surrounding discussions, and he deeply realized how extraordinary Zhong Nan was.

"My Spiritual Force is currently at the ninth level of the Void Prying Stage, whereas, even though this Zhong Nan is a ninth level Void Prying Stage martial artist, he has comprehended first level Earth Concept. I wonder if the illusory space my soul skill, Thousand Illusions, creates is able to seal him up." Thoughts spun

in Duan Ling Tian's mind, and he thought about many things.

Duan Ling Tian had already made a decision in his heart.

If the soul skill, Thousand Illusion was useless to this person, then he'd directly admit defeat...

"Watch out." Needless to say, Zhong Nan was very aboveboard person, and he took the initiative to warn Duan Ling Tian before attacking.

Subsequently, Zhong Nan raised his foot to stomp on the ground, causing the combat ring to quake as if an earthquake occurred.

Instantly, along with the Origin Energy on Zhong Nan's body raging, an ancient horned dragon silhouette that was surrounded by 2,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes like a bright moon surrounded by twinkling stars had appeared in the sky.

Along with an earthen yellow energy appearing on Zhong Nan's Origin Energy, another ancient horned dragon silhouette appeared out of thin air.

First level Earth Concept!

"He still wants to rely on the energy of the earth?" Duan Ling Tian's expression couldn't help but go slightly serious when he saw Zhong Nan's entire body gradually form a peculiar connection with the earth through his first level Earth Concept at this

moment.

Immediately, another 5,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared in the sky above Zhong Nan.

This was energy of the earth that Zhong Nan had drawn support from by using his first level Earth Concept!

This wasn't the end.

Whoosh!

Along with the Origin Energy on Zhong Nan's body pouring into the grade five spirit rod in his hand.

Another 5,700 ancient mammoth silhouettes gradually condensed into form above him...

In the end, when Zhong Nan exerted his full strength to draw upon the energy of heaven and earth, the movement caused by this was fixed at three ancient horned dragon silhouettes and 2,700 ancient mammoth silhouettes.

"If the battle wasn't conducted far from the ground, then even Su Li would probably be far from a match for Zhong Nan." Duan Ling Tian's expression was extremely serious.

Moreover, this Zhong Nan had comprehended Earth Concept, so

it may be assumed that he'd cultivated an Earth Rank defensive martial skill as well.

Bang!

Zhong Nan stepped out, causing the ground of the combat ring to crack open like a spider web that spread out towards the surroundings...

At this moment, Zhong Nan seemed to have transformed into a god of the earth and controlled boundless divine energy of the earth!

"Duan Ling Tian is probably going to lose."

"It can only be said that he's unfortunate for encountering Zhong Nan... Zhong Nan's strength can be considered to be invincible under the Void Initiation Stage in our Darkstone Empire!"

"If it isn't an existence at the Void Initiation Stage or above, then it's practically impossible to defeat Zhong Nan."

...

Most of the surrounding spectators didn't look favorably upon Duan Ling Tian.

Only the few people from the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom

looked with anticipation at the development of the scene before them.

Of course, not everyone was anticipating it.

The Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Prince Sheng looked at Duan Ling Tian with a gaze filled with coldness, and he wished for nothing more than to kill Duan Ling Tian and celebrate after it.

"I hope Duan Ling Tian is killed by this Zhong Nan... Otherwise, with the advancement of his cultivation, then not to mention me, even the Azure Forest Tri-Sect might not be able to do anything to him in the future!" Extreme coldness arose in Prince Sheng's heart.

In the combat ring.

Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath and a dim light gradually flashed into existence deep within his eyes, and it seemed to have transformed into two balls of evil flames.

"Victory or defeat lays on this move!" Duan Ling Tian thought in his heart, and as Zhong Nan charged towards him with a speed that grew swifter and swifter.

Thousand Illusions!

Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force pierced into his soul brand, and he'd successfully execute the soul skill that belonged solely to him.

An illusory space that he'd just constructed enveloped Zhong Nan within it...

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian was slightly perturbed as he was deeply afraid that the illusory space would be struck to dispersal by Zhong Nan's first level Earth Concept.

Along with the passage of time, although the illusory space shook slightly, yet it remained completely whole, and it caused Duan Ling Tian to be unable to refrain from heaving a sigh of relief.

"Looks like the illusory space constructed by my current Spiritual Force isn't afraid of first level Concept! But if it's second level Concept, then the illusory space with this level of strength would probably be struck to dispersal." Duan Ling Tian discerned this from the reaction of the illusory space.

Since a first level Concept was unable to strike the illusory space constructed by his Thousand Illusions to dispersal, then he was currently the controller of this small world that Zhong Nan was within.

He could control the life and death of Zhong Nan!

Under the gazes of everyone present, Zhong Nan made a move.

But when they saw Zhong Nan still heavily smash down his rod onto the air after Duan Ling Tian had dodged to the side, they were

completely dumbstruck.

"This..."

"Could it be that Zhong Nan has lost his mind as well?"

...

Right when the crowd of people were astonished and bewildered, Zhong Nan swung up his rod and smashed it out once more, and he once again smashed it onto the air on the other side.

This caused the surrounding people to be speechless.

"King Yong, this Duan Ling Tian wouldn't have used an Inscription, right?" The old man that sat by King Yong's side couldn't refrain from asking.

"He didn't use an Inscription." King Yong shook his head, and his eyes were filled with wonder as well.

He'd gone through an entire lifetime, yet it was still the first time he'd seen such a strange scene. "This feeling... It's like as if Zhong Nan has fallen into an illusion formation constructed from an inscription formation."

"How exactly did Duan Ling Tian achieve this?" In the eyes of King Yong at this moment, the violet clothed young man on the

combat ring was mysterious to the point he couldn't help but be frightened by it.

Whoosh!

In the combat ring, Zhong Nan smashed his rod out once more.

This time, he was already standing on the border of the combat ring, yet he seemed to not notice it in the slightest.

"It ought to end already." Duan Ling Tian shrugged before slowly walked towards Zhong Nan and standing behind him.

Under the gazes of everyone present, Duan Ling Tian's hand pressed onto Zhong Nan's back and casually pushed, pushing Zhong Nan off the combat ring.

Zhong Nan had lost.

"Can anyone tell me what's going on?"

"This is too peculiar, right? Duan Ling Tian and Zhong Nan aren't acting right?"

"It's surely not an act! Otherwise, how could such a strange thing happen?"

"I think that this isn't a coincidence... Don't forget that those young geniuses from Bazho Imperial Kingdom earlier had an almost similar appearance as Zhong Nan now."

"Yeah, if it's an act... Would those two people from Bazho Imperial Kingdom be willing to be killed by Duan Ling Tian?"

...

The surrounding crowd of spectators discussed animatedly, and they were all shocked by Duan Ling Tian's ability.

"Duan Ling Tian..." Unknowingly, a wisp of a bitter smile had appeared on Su Li's face.

He knew that even if Duan Ling Tian were to go against him now, he would lose without a doubt.

Zhong Nan's strength wasn't inferior to him, and it was even to the extent that if they were to battle on the ground, Zhong Nan would be able to easily defeat him by relying on the energy of the earth.

Yet now, Duan Ling Tian had defeated Zhong Nan on the ground.

Although it wasn't a true victory by strength, Zhong Nan had indeed lost.

In a battle between martial artists, the process wasn't important, as the most important was the outcome.

"I originally thought that I would be able to throw Duan Ling Tian far behind me this time... But unexpectedly, he'd already chased up." Su Li sighed in his heart.

"How can this be possible?!" On another combat ring, Long Yun had an expression of disbelief as he looked at the scene before him.

He wasn't willing to believe that all this was true.

He knew that he was far from being a match for that Zhong Nan, yet Duan Ling Tian had defeated Zhong Nan.

In this instant, Long Yun felt a wave of powerlessness in his heart. "Even if Su Li goes against this Zhong Nan, he would probably have no confidence in obtaining victory... But Duan Ling Tian has instead defeated Zhong Nan!"

Long Yun realized that he would probably have to defeat Su Li first before being able to defeat Duan Ling Tian.

Unknowingly, Duan Ling Tian had even thrown Su Li far behind himself.

"Duan Ling Tian..." On the high platform, the astonishment on Chi Ming's face gradually dispersed, and replacing it was a dense smiling expression, whereas, Prince Sheng at the side had an

extremely unsightly expression.

"Duan Ling Tian is actually so terrifying now! I'm afraid no one under the Void Initiation Stage is able to be a match for him." A raging storm arose in Prince Sheng's heart.

Duan Ling Tian was invincible under the Void Initiation Stage.

"Prince Sheng!" Right at this moment, a voice transmission sounded out by Prince Sheng's ears.

Prince Sheng looked towards Chi Ming with a puzzled expression.

He was able to discern that the owner of the void transmission was Chi Ming.

"I know that the matter in the Caged Battle Arena that day and the humiliation the Little Prince suffered caused you to hate Duan Ling Tian to the bones... But I still hope that you and Duan Ling Tian can let bygones be bygones." Chi Ming continued via voice transmission. "You've seen Duan Ling Tian's current achievements as well... He's surely going to the Darkhan Dynasty! It's even to the extent that his future and prospects are limitless."

"In the future, it's probably impossible for you to find an opportunity to get rid of him... Since it's like this, then why not bury the hatchet with him!? I'm willing to act as the person between the two of you, how about it? I believe that Duan Ling

Tian would still be willing to give me face." Chi Ming's words seemed like he'd give much thought about it.

Prince Sheng's body shook.

Bury the hatchet?

Isn't this asking him to take the initiative to give in?

If it's like this, then how would he keep his dignity?

But when he thought about it carefully, Chi Ming's words were indeed spoken reasonably.

"I'll consider it." Prince Sheng took a deep breath and replied via voice transmission.

Chi Ming nodded and wasn't surprised by this.

If Prince Sheng agreed readily, he would perhaps doubt Prince Sheng's sincerity.

As a Revered Elder of the Imperial Family, he was extremely familiar of Prince Sheng's character.

"Why have so many monsters appeared in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom...?" The two representatives of the Bazho

Imperial Kingdom had ashen expressions.

Especially Wei Kun, his eyes had unknowingly become tainted with a wisp of crimson red.

If it was possible, he wished for nothing more than to charge down the high platform and slaughter all the five great young geniuses of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom to vent the hatred in his heart.

But his reason told him that he couldn't do this.

If he were to dare make a move, then he would perhaps even be unable to touch the corners of the clothes of the people from the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom before he'd be killed by King Yong.

Chapter 587: Mo Xuan

King Yong was the number one expert of the Darkstone Empire since over 10 years ago, an existence who was halfway into the Void Interpretation Stage.

Now that over 10 years had passed, no one would believe it if it was said that King Yong hadn't stepped into the Void Interpretation Stage yet.

"Looks like Duan Ling Tian has obtained a fortuitous encounter again after leaving alone this time." Luo Zhan glanced at Chen Shao Shuai who was beside him and sighed.

"Perhaps... We can't shut ourselves out from the outside world and cultivate. We ought to go take a look at the outside world." Chen Shao Shuai's eyes flashed as he spoke slowly.

Meanwhile, along with Duan Ling Tian withdrawing his Spiritual Force, the illusory space formed from the soul skill, Thousand Illusions, vanished into nothingness, and Zhong Nan who Duan Ling Tian had pushed off the combat ring recovered at this moment.

When he felt the strange gazes the converged onto himself from the surroundings, he knew that he'd lost, completely lost. When he recalled the scene from before, Zhong Nan realized at the first possible moment that all of that was an illusion, it was just like a dream.

"Thank you." Zhong Nan nodded to Duan Ling Tian and lightly smiled before ascending another combat ring.

A seventh level Void Prying Stage combat ring master had just been born on that combat ring.

When he saw Zhong Nan ascend the combat ring, the seventh level Void Prying Stage combat ring master directly admitted defeat, and it was equivalent to cupping his hands and giving it to Zhong Nan.

"This Zhong Nan is interesting." Duan Ling Tian's brows raised.

He naturally knew why Zhong Nan thanked him earlier, and it was none other than because he'd shown mercy.

After all, he was completely able to kill Zhong Nan earlier, but he didn't do so.

To Duan Ling Tian, he didn't have any deep enmity with Zhong Nan, whereas, from beginning until the end, Zhong Nan had never revealed killing intent towards him. So there was no need for him to kill Zhong Nan.

Meanwhile, there was still another combat ring where two seventh level Void Prying Stage martial artists were battling intensely.

After a short moment, one of them became the combat ring

master.

But the person had just become the combat ring master when a figure that was like a bolt of lightning lightly descended into the combat ring.

This was a green clothed young man around the age of 35, and his ordinary face seemed as if someone owed him money.

"He Long has finally ascended to a combat ring!"

"He Long is publicly acknowledged to be ranked number two in the younger generation of our Darkstone Empire, his cultivation is at the first level of the Void Initiation Stage, and he has even comprehended first level Wind Concept!"

"He ought to enter the battles by now as well."

...

The surrounding crowd of spectators discussed animatedly, whereas that seventh level Void Prying Stage martial artist that had just become the combat ring was obviously a young genius of the Darkstone Empire as well, and his face became slightly grim when he saw He Long.

"I admit defeat." In the end, he obediently leaped of the combat ring.

Up to this point, a combat ring master had appeared in each of the nine combat rings.

Amongst the nine combat rings, the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom had occupied three of them.

The Darkstone Empire occupied three as well, and they were occupied by He Long, Zhong Nan, and Gao Yu Hai respectively.

Gao Yu Hai was precisely the scholarly young man that had lost at the hands of Long Yun, and he ascended to another combat ring later on to become a new combat ring master.

Amongst the three remaining combat rings, one of them was occupied by a young genius from a top sect in the Darkstone Empire, the Unswerving Sect.

The other two people were respectively from two Imperial Kingdoms under Darkstone Empire.

"If no one challenges the nine great combat ring masters in the next ten breaths of time... Then the nine combat ring masters will be considered to have been determined. At that time, if someone ascends to the combat rings again, that person can only compete for the honor of being the number one young genius in the Darkstone Empire!" King Yong stood up from his seat, and his voice was like a loud bell as he spoke with a deep voice.

The scene became deathly silent, and it bustled with noise and excitement after a short moment.

"It has finally come to the competition for the number one young genius in the Empire... But, it's probably without suspense."

"Naturally!"

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Along with the discussions of the spectating crowd, the gazes of many people shot onto a corner of the combat rings, and a black clothed young man that stood there.

The black clothed young man stood there resting his mind with his eyes closed.

Duan Ling Tian followed along the gazes of everyone to look over. "He's the number one young genius in the younger generation of Darkstone Empire?"

The black clothed young man was a little over 30, and his age looked to be even younger than He Long and Zhong Nan.

The young man had sword shaped brows and starry eyes with a face that seemed to have been carved by a blade and was extremely flawless.

"It's time for Mo Xuan to make a move."

"Mo Xuan is the pride of our Darkstone Empire... Amongst the ten people that are leaving from our Darkstone Empire, he'd most likely to obtain the qualification to participate in the Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties!"

"Mo Xuan is the number one young genius in the younger generation of Darkstone Empire, and he'll surely win over extremely great honor for our Darkstone Empire!"

...

The surrounding crowd of spectators were extremely excited, and they were filled with confidence towards the black clothed young man.

"He's called Mo Xuan?" Duan Ling Tian's brows raised, and then his Spiritual Force stretched out intending to determine Mo Xuan's cultivation.

But his Spiritual Force hadn't approached Mo Xuan when he noticed the Spiritual Forces from before were coiled around nearby Mo Xuan.

"Looks like I can only inspect his cultivation after he ascends the combat rings later." Duan Ling Tian thought in his heart.

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian realized that he already had

no need to inspect Mo Xuan's cultivation.

Whoosh!

Mo Xuan moved, and some of the spectators didn't see Mo Xuan's movements clearly at all, whereas Duan Ling Tian and the other young geniuses only saw a black colored bolt of lightning flash by.

Subsequently, Mo Xuan had appeared in high above in the sky above the nine combat rings, and he stood there in midair.

His eyes gradually opened up as well.

Mo Xuan's eyes weren't an ordinary black pupil, but were instead closer to gray in color, and it looked to be extremely deep and serene, to the point it caused others to easily become lost within it.

Whoosh!

Meanwhile, four lifelike ancient horned dragon silhouettes appeared in the sky above Mo Xuan and coiled down.

"Third... Third level of the Void Initiation Stage!"

"Mo Xuan has broken through again?"

...

The surroundings were in an uproar as they were shocked by the cultivation Mo Xuan revealed now.

"Third level of the Void Initiation Stage!" Duan Ling Tian's heart was greatly shocked as he stared blankly at Mo Xuan.

Mo Xuan looked at be around 32 or 33 at most, yet his cultivation had already completely surpassed the numerous young geniuses of Darkstone Empire.

"Eh? There's a type of aura on his Mo Xuan that I feel slightly familiar to... It's as if I've felt it somewhere." Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian's face tightened as he carefully recalled yet was unable to unable to recalled where he sensed this type of aura in the end.

This aura was filled with gloominess and ruthlessness.

Of course, Mo Xuan had restrained it within his body, and it was difficult for an ordinary person to notice it.

"This Mo Xuan probably has acquired some fortuitous encounter as well to possess his current cultivation." Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Not to mention the Cloud Continent, even if it was the entire Darkstone Empire, and Darkhan Dynasty, they were all only a remote little kingdom.

An existence like this appearing in a remote little kingdom was an extremely shocking thing by itself.

If Mo Xuan didn't acquire fortuitous encounters, then it was practically impossible.

"He's Mo Xuan?"

"The number one expert in the younger generation of the Darkstone Empire, he really does deserve his reputation!"

"Third level of the Void Initiation Stage... Mo Xuan isn't 35 yet, right?"

...

No matter if it was the representatives of the various powers and Imperial Kingdoms on the high platform, or the group of young geniuses below the platform, everyone sighed emotionally.

Vast Origin Energy was like a ball of flames on Mo Xuan's body as it enveloped him within.

Whoosh!

Right at this moment, strands of material violet colored energy appeared on the Origin Energy on Mo Xuan's body, and another three ancient horned dragon silhouettes appeared in the sky above

him.

Seven ancient mammoth silhouettes spiraled downwards with imposing auras that shot into the sky like rainbows.

"Third level Lightning Concept!" Many people couldn't refrain from exclaiming in shock.

Mo Xuan, the number one expert in the younger generation of Darkstone Empire, possessed a cultivation at the third level of the Void Initiation Stage and had comprehended third level Lightning Concept.

"Does any one of the nine of you want to challenge me?" Mo Xuan stood in mid air as he spoke slowly, and his cold voice carried along extreme overbearingness.

For a time, the nine combat ring masters on the combat rings looked at each other, and in the end, no one dared challenge Mo Xuan.

Challenging Mo Xuan was simply courting death!

Third level of the Void Initiation Stage and third level Lightning Concept was sufficient to make everyone, including Duan Ling Tian, go no further.

"Looks like the outcome is already decided... There's nothing exciting left to see."

"Mo Xuan is too strong, and he's utterly not on the same level as the other nine combat ring masters... The other nine great combat ring masters don't even have the courage to fight him."

"Third level Void Initiation Stage, third level Lightning Concept... Mo Xuan's strength can even compare with the experts from the older generation!"

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Many people from the surrounding crowd were slightly disappointed.

Mo Xuan had revealed such a formidable strength, so the honor of being the number one young genius in the Empire undoubtedly belonged to him.

"Duan Ling Tian, you aren't challenging Mo Xuan as well?" Zhong Nan looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked via voice transmission.

Even when he recalled it now, he still felt a lingering fear in his heart towards Duan Ling Tian's ability.

At that moment, his life seemed to be completely controlled in the hands of Duan Ling Tian, and it was at the mercy of Duan Ling Tian.

He didn't doubt it in the slightest that if Duan Ling Tian wanted his life at that moment, then he would die for sure!

Duan Ling Tian smiled bitterly when he heard Zhong Nan.

Challenge Mo Xuan?

Not to mention Mo Xuan himself was an existence at the third level of the Void Initiation Stage, and it was far from something the soul skill, Thousand Illusion, that he executed with his Spiritual Force was able to affect, even Mo Xuan's third level Lightning Concept was sufficient to easily obliterate the illusory space constructed by his soul skill.

His soul skill, Thousand Illusions, had numerous restrictions, and it wasn't all-powerful!

It was completely useless before Mo Xuan.

"I'm not a match for him." Duan Ling Tian lightly shook his head as he replied via voice transmission.

Zhong Nan came to a sudden understanding.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian's gaze descended onto the Origin Energy on Mo Xuan's body.

More precisely speaking, he was staring with concentration at

the violet colored energy contained in Mo Xuan's Origin Energy, his Lightning Concept.

The third level Lightning Concept caused the lightning energy to possess bolts of lightning leaping about within it, and if one didn't observe carefully, it would be impossible to notice.

"Lightning..." Unknowingly, Duan Ling Tian was entranced, and his entire body and soul was immersed within Mo Xuan's Lightning Concept.

At this moment, he seemed to have pulled open the layer upon layer of mist to discover the profundity of lightning by a step further.

"So that's how it is." In the end, Duan Ling Tian returned to his senses, and a smile appeared on his face.

"They all say that experience is the best teacher, and the facts are really like this... With my experience today, I have a new comprehension towards lightning, and my Tempest Point will surely be able to achieve the Perfection Stage in a short amount of time!" Duan Ling Tian was extremely confident towards this.

If he wanted to achieve the Perfection Stage in Tempest Point, then he must first comprehend Advanced Lightning Force.

Chapter 588: Advanced Lightning Force

Along with the appearance of Mo Xuan, the Young Genius Competition of Darkstone Empire was approaching its end.

Mo Xuan had deterred everyone with his third level Void Initiation Stage cultivation and third level Lightning Concept, and he caused all the nine young geniuses on the nine combat rings to not dare challenge him.

"Since it's like this, then the Young Genius Competition this time has come to an end... The number one young genius of Darkstone Empire is Mo Xuan!" King Yong stood up once more, and his voice was like explosive thunder as it spread out into the distance.

"The other nine great combat ring masters will obtain the qualifications to head to the Darkhan Dynasty and participate in the competition for the positions in the Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties... All nine of you and Mo Xuan, gather at the Imperial Palace three days from now!"

"At that time, the Imperial Family will bestow all of you with rewards." King Yong finished speaking in one go.

Subsequently, King Yong once again ascended the palanquin, and then the eight Void Prying Stage martial artists carried up the palanquin and escorted King Yong to leave.

"Long live King Yong!" The people present spoke respectfully, and they sent off King Yong with their gazes until his palanquin

vanished behind the clouds and mist in the horizon.

The Young Genius Competition had come to a close at this point.

"Hmph!" On the high platform, the representative of the Bazho Imperial Kingdom, Wei Kun, snorted coldly before leaving with the other representatives.

This time, their Bazho Imperial Kingdom could be said to be unique.

They were the only Imperial Kingdom present where all five young geniuses had fallen in battle.

"Chi Ming, our Bazho Imperial Kingdom will remember what happened today." Before he left, Wei Kun didn't forget to threaten Chi Ming.

"Do as you wish." Chi Ming didn't take Wei Kun's words seriously.

Meanwhile, the black clothed of Mo Xuan who was high above in the air fluttered, and he intended to leave.

"Mo Xuan!" Duan Ling Tian looked at Mo Xuan and sent a voice transmission.

Instantly, Mo Xuan's figure stopped moving, and his eyes that

were dim and devoid of light flanked indifferently at Duan Ling Tian before he asked via voice transmission. "Do you need something?"

Mo Xuan's tone contained slight impatience.

"I want to make a trade with you!" Duan Ling Tian went straight to the point.

"Trade?" Mo Xuan was stunned before asking via voice transmission. "Void Fuse Fruit?"

"You know?" Duan Ling Tian was surprised, as he never expected Mo Xuan would be able to guess his intentions.

"Hmph!" Mo Xuan grunted coldly. "There were no less than 20 people before you that were interested in that Void Fuse Fruit... But, the things they gave weren't enough arouse my interest."

Duan Ling Tian came to a sudden understanding.

Right, it was common knowledge that the Void Fuse Fruit was useless to Mo Xuan.

Because of that, there was surely many people that wanted to trade for it and obtain the Void Fuse Fruit from Mo Xuan.

Obviously, no one was able to pay a price that could arouse Mo

Xuan's interest.

"The Void Fuse Fruit is indeed not of any great use to me... But, if you're unable to take out something that's able to arouse my interest, then I rather the Void Fuse Fruit decay in my hand than give it to anyone." Mo Xuan spoke indifferently.

Duan Ling Tian smiled confidently, and he spoke straightforwardly. "Grade four spirit weapon, how about it?"

"Grade four spirit weapon?" Mo Xuan's pupils constricted when he heard Duan Ling Tian, and he glanced at Duan Ling Tian with slight astonishment before saying. "You... have a grade four spirit weapon?"

"I can provide a grade four spirit sword that provides an amplification of 58% in exchange for the Void Fuse Fruit in your possession... How about it?" Duan Ling Tian asked directly.

"Are you sure you want to use a grade four spirit sword to exchange for the Void Fuse Fruit?" Even though Mo Xuan's voice transmission was still calm, Duan Ling Tian was able to sense traces of excitement.

Obviously, Mo Xuan's interest had been aroused.

"Yes. Are you willing?" Duan Ling Tian nodded.

"Alright! Three days from now, if you're able to produce a grade

four spirit sword to exchange with me, then I'll give you the Void Fuse Fruit." Mo Xuan agreed.

To Mo Xuan, his strength and natural talent wasn't inferior to the numerous young geniuses of the Darkhan Dynasty.

But those extremely outstanding young geniuses in the Darkhan Dynasty more or less possessed a grade four spirit weapon to rely on, whereas he didn't.

If he were to go against those young geniuses from Darkhan Dynasty, then he would undoubtedly suffer a loss from this.

So he'd already wanted to obtain a grade four spirit weapon.

Unfortunately, even in the entire Darkstone Empire, there was only a single grade four spirit weapon, and it was possessed by the Imperial Family.

Supposedly, it was in King Yong's possession.

Now, he had the opportunity to obtain a grade four spirit weapon, and it was even exchanged for with that Void Fuse Fruit, so he naturally wouldn't refuse.

After he glanced deeply at Duan Ling Tian. Mo Xuan transformed into a black bolt of lightning that vanished before the eyes of everyone.

Meanwhile, the young geniuses on the nine combat rings walked off the combat rings.

"Duan Ling Tian, Su Li, congratulations!" Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai congratulated Duan Ling Tian and Su Li.

Duan Ling Tian replied with a light smile, whereas Su Li instead sighed. "I heard long ago that the number one young expert in the Darkstone Empire possessed an extremely extraordinary strength... Now that I've seen him today, he really does deserve his reputation!"

Obviously, Su Li was speaking of Mo Xuan.

"Su Li, there's another two more years to the Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties... At that time, you might not be unable to surpass him." Duan Ling Tian glanced at Su Li with a deeply meaningful gaze, and then he smiled.

Su Li shook his head and smiled when he discerned the meaning contained in Duan Ling Tian's gaze.

He was naturally able to discern that there was meaning concealed within Duan Ling Tian's words, but he was confident in being able to chase up to Mo Xuan in another two years.

"You two are both freaks!" Chen Shao Shuai rolled his eyes at Su Li and Duan Ling Tian, and then he sighed. "I and Luo Zhan have

already decided that after we leave the Darkstone Empire's Imperial City this time, we won't return to the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom first, but instead go wander about for some time..."

"Yes." Luo Zhan nodded, and his eyes were filled with yearning. "Perhaps, we'll be able to obtain good fortune that belongs to us... Otherwise, if we continue to stay within the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom and shut ourselves out from the outside world, then it's bound to be impossible for us to chase up to the two of you in our entire lifetimes."

Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai making such a decision had exceeded Duan Ling Tian's expectations.

But Duan Ling Tian supported them.

If flowers within a greenhouse don't experience that battering of the wind and rain, then its accomplishments were bound to be limited.

This was something that he felt deeply about.

"I'm slightly anticipating the scene when I see both of you in the future..." Duan Ling Tian smiled.

"Duan Ling Tian!" Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian heard Chi Ming's voice.

Subsequently, he saw Prince Sheng and Chi Ming coming over side by side.

"Vice Dean Chi Ming." Duan Ling Tian lightly smiled to Chi Ming, as for Prince Sheng, Duan Ling Tian directly disregarded him.

"Duan Ling Tian, Prince Sheng has something he wants to tell you." Chi Ming lightly smiled as he spoke.

"Hmm?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned, and then he looked at Prince Sheng.

"Duan Ling Tian!" Prince Sheng looked at Duan Ling Tian with a flickering gaze, and then he took a deep breath before saying. "In the past, there were perhaps some misunderstandings between the two of us... I hope that after this, we can write off the matters between the two of us, and completely let bygones be bygones. How about it?"

Prince Sheng's words were spoken with an extremely depressed feeling.

Although not much sincerity could be perceived from it, Duan Ling Tian still couldn't help but be shocked.

Who was Prince Sheng?

The brother of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's Emperor,

the owner of the Prince Sheng's Estate, and he was also an existence at the Void Initiation Stage.

Now such an existence had given in before him?

"Duan Ling Tian, Prince Sheng is extremely sincere." When he saw Duan Ling Tian seeming to be slightly hesitant, Chi Ming interrupted.

Duan Ling Tian smiled lightly. "Since Vice Dean Chi has spoke out as well... Then I naturally have no objections towards this matter."

"Prince Sheng, all the matters between the two of us are written off at this moment!" Duan Ling Tian said to Prince Sheng right after he finished speaking to Chi Ming.

He and Prince Sheng couldn't be considered to possess any deep or great enmity, so since Chi Ming had spoken on Prince Sheng's behalf, he had no choice but to give Chi Ming face.

Of course, if Prince Sheng was only deceiving him for a time and did anything that was harmful to him in the future, then he would absolutely not show mercy.

Prince Sheng nodded, and he heaved a sigh of relief as if a heavy weight was lifted off his shoulder.

Duan Ling Tian's advancement gave him too great pressure. So

after considering it for a while, he still chose to put down his dignity and take the initiative to seek for peace with Duan Ling Tian.

Otherwise, in the near future, he and the Prince Sheng's Estate would probably completely vanish from this world.

This was something that he had a strong premonition of.

"Duan Ling Tian!"

"Both of you ought to be the representatives of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, right?"

"Su Li!"

"Long Yun!"

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Waves of clamorous voices sounded out in the surroundings of Duan Ling Tian's group.

Only now did they notice that they'd been surrounded by many people.

Duan Ling Tian's group hurriedly soared into the sky and left as

if they were fleeing.

"I still have three days of time... I hope I can comprehend Advanced Lightning Force in these three days." After he returned to the courtyard, Duan Ling Tian started cultivating to his utmost ability.

At the rear courtyard, a row of wooden figures was placed there, and they were precisely provided for martial artists to use when cultivating.

Now, Duan Ling Tian was standing before these wooden figures.

Whoosh!

With a raise of his hand, he pointed out, and his Advanced Wind Force and Half-step Advanced Lightning force swept out.

As for Origin Energy, Duan Ling Tian had intentionally suppressed it.

Otherwise, these wooden figures would directly be blasted into powder by him.

On the first day, Duan Ling Tian carefully savored the things he comprehended from the third level Lightning Concept on Mo Xuan's body, yet he was unable to urge his Lightning Force to break through.

On the second day, he was barely able to touch the threshold, yet he was still slightly lacking.

On the third day, Duan Ling Tian smoothly broke through.

Whirlwind!

In the rear courtyard, Duan Ling Tian's movements were like the wind as he flashed out.

Since he comprehended Advanced Wind Force, the high grade Earth Rank movement technique, Whirlwind, that he cultivated had smoothly stepped into the Perfection Stage.

The speed of Whirlwind at the Perfection Stage was astonishing.

Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian suddenly raised his hand.

Whoosh!

He pointed out, then a strand of Origin Energy that had condensed into shape shot out, and it contained both Advanced Wind Force and Advanced Lightning Force within it.

The Tempest Point energy easily entered one of the wooden figures in the rear courtyard, and it hit right on the head of the wooden figure.

Bang!

After the Tempest Point energy entered into it, it abruptly exploded.

Starting from the head, the entire wooden figure transformed into powder.

A wooden figure that was standing there just a moment ago had vanished at this moment.

"Tempest Point can be considered to have officially stepped into the Perfection Stage as well..." Duan Ling Tian's face revealed a brilliant smile.

Presently, the two types of Force he'd comprehended had stepped into the Advanced Stage.

To him, this was a great gain.

"I hope I can advance the two Advanced Forces into Concept as soon as possible... At that time, when I utilize both my Concepts, it would be the strength of two ancient horned dragons!" When he thought up to here, Duan Ling Tian's heart couldn't help but surge.

It was as if he'd already seen the scene of him executing the

Tempest Point with Wind Concept and Lightning Concept.

Chapter 589: Void Fuse Fruit

At dawn the next day, Duan Ling Tian, Su Li, and Long Yun bid their farewells to Chi Ming and the others.

After that, the three of them left the courtyard together.

Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai had complicated gazes as they looked at the figures of Duan Ling Tian's group of three that were disappearing into the distance.

Only after the figures of Duan Ling Tian's group of three vanished before their eyes did Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai look at Chi Ming and say, "Vice Dean Chi, we won't be following you back... We intend to go wander about for some time by ourselves."

Chi Ming nodded and didn't stop them.

Because he knew that it would be of no use even if he did.

Sword Young Master and Crazy Young Master that stood before him had obviously already decided to leave, and he wasn't surprised by their reactions.

After all, the numerous young experts that had appeared in the Darkstone Empire's Young Genius Competition were truly too outstanding, and they surpassed Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai in every aspect.

So Luo Zhan and Chen Shao Shuai were surely feeling extreme pressure from it.

Chi Ming looked at Luo Zhan and said, "Go... I'll help you notify Guild Master Luo."

On the other side, Duan Ling Tian's group of three headed towards the Imperial palace.

"Duan Ling Tian!" On the way, Long Yun had suddenly looked towards Duan Ling Tian with an eye that contained traces of flickering bright light within it. "If you want to make a move against the Azure Forest Tri-Sect in the future, then you must defeat me first!"

Duan Ling Tian was first stunned after he heard Long Yun, and then he said indifferently, "Is there a need?"

Is there a need?

Duan Ling Tian's indifferent words caused Long Yun's face to instantly flush red.

"At any rate, I will absolutely not stand idly by if you make a move against the Azure Forest Tri-Sect!" Long Yun spoke with a deep voice.

"Do as you please." Duan Ling Tian shrugged and had an indifferent expression.

"Hmph!" Su Li who walked side by side with Duan Ling Tian and had always never spoken grunted coldly, and he glanced indifferently at Long Yun. "Long Yun, you better not join in when Duan Ling Tian goes to take revenge for his sect. Otherwise, I won't stand idly by as well!"

"Besides that, I won't let Master allow Martial Uncle Saber to interfere in this matter." Su Li's words were resolute and decisive, and it caused Long Yun to be flustered and exasperated.

He really did have the intention of asking his Master to protect the Azure Forest Tri-Sect.

But now, he was able to discern that Su Li was speaking seriously, and if Su Li's Master really intended to stop his Master, then his Master would really have no way to help him.

Moreover, after the Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties, it was still unknown if they would continue staying in the Darkhan Dynasty or not.

The entire journey continued without a single word spoken.

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian's group of three had gathered with the other six people at the Imperial Palace of the Darkstone Empire.

"Duan Ling Tian!" Zhong Nan took the initiative to greet Duan

Ling Tian as he was extremely grateful towards Duan Ling Tian showing mercy.

Duan Ling Tian lightly smiled in reply and introduced Su Li to Zhong Nan.

"Su Li, if I don't rely on the energy of the earth, I'm afraid it's difficult for me to defeat you," Zhong Nan said to Su Li.

"You're being modest." Su Li shook his head.

"I'm speaking the truth... Concept is different from Force. Only a Force of nature is able to affect speed! Whereas in terms of concept, no matter if it was a natural Concept or a weapon Concept, both of them can affect speed. Zhong Nan spoke earnestly. "For example, sword cultivators like you... Some formidable sword cultivators are able to rely on their Sword Concept to even seem as if they'd transformed into swords as their bodies flashed out, and their speed is so fast that it's shocking!"

Right at this moment, a figure descended from the sky and attracted the attention of everyone.

Mo Xuan!

Mo Xuan still wore black clothes, and he stood alone in the distance like a lone wolf.

Not long after, someone from the Imperial Palace made an

appearance and led Duan Ling Tian's group of nine into a place that was heavily guarded.

This place was a pavilion, and guards could be seen standing every few steps apart.

"This cultivation of these guards..." Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force stretched out, and he noticed a shocking thing.

All these guards were actually existences at the Void Prying Stage.

"What place is this?" Duan Ling Tian was secretly shocked in his heart as he looked at the pavilion before him.

Whoosh!

Right at this moment, a figure descended from the sky.

A middle aged man in a white robe with gold edges and a mole between his brows stepped down from the sky, and two old men followed behind him like shadows.

"King Yong!" Instantly, the young geniuses present bowed respectfully to King Yong, whereas Duan Ling Tian nodded to King Yong as well.

"Mo Xuan!" After King Yong descended before Duan Ling Tian

and the others, he looked at Mo Xuan who stood at the side by himself, and with a raise of his hand, his Origin Energy coiled around a thing before slowly pushing it to arrive before Mo Xuan.

This was a glittering and translucent spirit fruit that emitted a wave of a fragrant aroma, and the aroma caused one's mind to be unable to refrain from being slightly at ease.

"Void Fuse Fruit!" Someone couldn't help but exclaim in shock.

Instantly, many people looked with envy at the spirit fruit Mo Xuan held in his hand.

Duan Ling Tian stared at the Void Fuse Fruit with a burning gaze.

"Have you prepared the thing?" Under the gazes of everyone present, Mo Xuan looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked indifferently.

Duan Ling Tian nodded, and with a raise of his hand, a Spatial Ring shot out into Mo Xuan's hand.

Whoosh!

Mo Xuan raised his hand and passed over the Void Fuse Fruit to Duan Ling Tian.

This scene caused everyone, including King Yong, to be

astonished.

"What did Duan Ling Tian use to exchange with Mo Xuan? Mo Xuan was actually willing to give away the Void Fuse Fruit."

"Even though the Void Fuse Fruit is useless to Mo Xuan... But there seems to be not many things that can arouse Mo Xuan's interest."

"Unbelievable!"

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The people present were mostly curious about what Duan Ling Tian passed over to Mo Xuan.

After Duan Ling Tian received the Void Fuse Fruit, under the numerous gazes of envy and jealousy, he directly shoved it into his mouth and swallowed it with a few gulps, whereas the medicinal strength of the Void Fuse Fruit had been temporarily stored by him within his body, and he would arouse the medicinal strength when he cultivated.

"As expected of the Void Fuse Fruit, its medicinal strength is really shocking... It's indeed comparable to the total of the Void Refining Fruit and Void Reserve Fruit." Duan Ling Tian felt the medicinal strength of the Void Fuse Fruit and he was shocked in his heart.

"I ought to be able to rely on this to break through to the ninth level of the Void Prying Stage! I must break through to the Void Initiation Stage before the Dynasty Martial Competition begins in the Darkhan Dynasty, and then get into contact with the other eight possessors of the jade swords to enter the Sword Monarch's treasure vault..." Duan Ling Tian's eyes flashed as he planned in his heart.

"If I want to become eminent in the Dynasty Martial Competition, it would undoubtedly be wishful thinking if I don't possess a cultivation at the Void Initiation Stage and above! Even if it's an ordinary Void Initiation Stage martial artist, it might not be possible to become eminent and obtain the qualification to participate in the Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties!" Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Duan Ling Tian's goal was to stand out during the Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties and obtain the favor of the powers from the Foreign Lands.

He wanted to use the powers of the Foreign Lands as his stepping stone to think of a way to withdraw the great treasure left behind by the Rebirth Martial Emperor.

After that, he would cultivate with great effort and possess the strength capable of moving unhindered through the entire Foreign Lands, and even become a supreme Martial Emperor that looked down on the world.

"There's also Ke Er and Little Fei. They're both in the Foreign Lands now... If I want to see them, then I must walk out of the

Darkhan Dynasty and head to the Foreign Lands!"

In the blink of an eye, a few years had passed, yet Duan Ling Tian missed his two fiancées even more.

He was most concerned about if they were well now...

"Duan Ling Tian!" A voice transmission sounded out by Duan Ling Tian's ears, and it shocked him back to his senses.

"What?" Duan Ling Tian looked at Su Li.

The earlier voice transmission was precisely sent into his ears by Su Li.

"Duan Ling Tian, what did you use to exchange for the Void Fuse Fruit from Mo Xuan?" Su Li asked curiously.

Subsequently, he added. "Of course, if it's inconvenient for you, then just take it as if I never asked."

"There's nothing inconvenient about it." Duan Ling Tian shook his head and replied via voice transmission. "Actually, it's nothing... I just took out a grade four spirit weapon and exchange it for his Void Fuse Fruit."

Su Li was his friend, so a small matter like this was nothing to conceal.

Grade four spirit weapon!

Duan Ling Tian's casual way of saying it caused Su Li's pupils to be unable to refrain from constricting.

"You... You have a grade four spirit weapon?" Su Li's voice transmission was filled with shock.

"Su Li, I'll gift you a grade four spirit sword before the Dynasty Martial Competition," said Duan Ling Tian.

"Gift me? A grade four spirit sword?" Su Li was shocked, and after staying silent for a while, he asked. "Duan Ling Tian, you... Could it be that you know a grade four Weapons Craftsman?"

"Kind of." Duan Ling Tian casually replied.

"Kind of?" Su Li was stunned, and then he shook his head and said, "I don't need you to gift a grade four spirit sword to me... I have one myself. But my Master didn't allow me to use it before the selection during the Dynasty Martial Competition."

Duan Ling Tian came to a sudden understanding, and he sighed to himself at the same time.

It's so much different when you have a Master from the Foreign Lands.

A grade four spirit sword is easily obtained.

"In this way, that Long Yun should have a grade four spirit saber as well?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"It's not only a grade four spirit saber... According to my knowledge, he ought to even possess a grade three spirit saber in his possession. That spirit saber was prepared for him by his Master to be used during the Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties," said Su Li.

Grade three spirit saber?

Duan Ling Tian was instantly petrified, and he only asked after a short moment. "So in this way, you have a grade three spirit sword in your possession as well?"

"Yes." Su Li lightly nodded.

"Comparisons are really odious..." Duan Ling Tian laughed bitterly.

He was at most able to produce a grade four spirit weapon now, yet he wasn't able to produce a grade three spirit weapon.

"After I consumed the Void Fuse Fruit, it ought to not be a problem to break through to the ninth level of the Void Prying

Stage... Another step in improvement is the Void Initiation Stage! So long as I break through to the Void Initiation Stage and condense a grade three Weapon Flame, then I'll be able to refine a grade three spirit weapon." Duan Ling Tian felt at ease with a quick thought.

Presumably, so long as he was able to gather the materials for a grade three spirit weapon before the Dynasty Martial Competition, then he would be able to possess a grade three spirit weapon.

"Follow me." Meanwhile, King Yong spoke out, and he brought along Duan Ling Tian's group of ten to head towards the pavilion ahead.

Everywhere they passed, the guards that were guarding outside moved aside.

"Aren't you going to inspect it?" Duan Ling Tian looked at Mo Xuan who walked at the other side and asked via voice transmission.

Because he noticed that after he passed the Spatial Ring that contained the grade four spirit sword to Mo Xuan, Mo Xuan didn't withdraw it from the Spatial Ring to confirm it was a grade four spirit sword.

"Is there a need?" Mo Xuan replied with a question.

Duan Ling Tian's face froze, and then he glanced deeply at Mo

Xuan as the corners of his mouth couldn't help but curl into an arc.

This Mo Xuan is slightly interesting!

Chapter 590: Han Xue Nai

The grade four spirit sword Duan Ling Tian used to exchange for the Void Fuse Fruit was precisely the spirit sword given to him by the Pavilion Master of the Darkhan Dynasty's Milky Way City's Treasure Gathering Pavilion.

"King Yong, this place is?" Duan Ling Tian's group of ten followed behind King Yong to arrive before the pavilion, and one of them couldn't refrain from asking.

"This is the treasure vault of our Darkstone Empire's Imperial Family. Within it is numerous valuable materials, and some medicinal pills and spirit weapons..." King Yong spoke slowly.

"Spirit weapons?" The gazes of many people lit up. "Are there grade four spirit weapons?"

King Yong shook his head. "There are only grade five spirit weapons."

Instantly, many people present were slightly flagging with interest.

But there were a few people that were very interested.

Although they had grade five spirit weapons in their possessions, it was temporarily lent to them by their respective powers backing them.

Once they were eliminated in the Dynasty Martial Competition, then they'd have to hand it in once they returned.

If they were able to obtain a grade five spirit weapon now, then it would undoubtedly be a good thing for them.

Of course, there were also those like Duan Ling Tian and Su Li who possessed a grade five spirit weapon that belonged to themselves.

These people weren't really interested towards grade five spirit weapons.

"The treasure vault of the Darkstone Empire ought to have some good things." In next to no time, the gazes of those people that possessed their own grade five spirit weapons lit up, and their eyes were filled with anticipation.

"Remember that all of you are only allowed to select one treasure from within... If there's someone who's greedy, then they'll bleed on the edge of a sword!" One of the old men behind King Yong swept Duan Ling Tian's group of ten with a fierce gaze as he spoke in a low voice.

Duan Ling Tian's group nodded.

What a joke!

Stealing treasures under the eyes of King Yong and two old fellows that seemed to be at the seventh level of the Void Initiation Stage? Wasn't that courting death?

Rumble! Rumble!

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Finally, the gate to the Darkstone Empire's treasure vault was opened.

The scene that entered their eyes was a glitter of gold and jade, and it caused the eyes of Duan Ling Tian and the others to be dazzled.

Right when King Yong was intending to bring Duan Ling Tian and the others in.

"Wait!" A voice that was moving like the chirping of an oriole suddenly sounded out from the horizon.

Instantly, Duan Ling Tian and the others couldn't help but turn around.

A yellow colored figure was like a bolt of lightning as it descended from high above in the sky, and in the blink of an eyes, the figure had descended before Duan Ling Tian and the others.

A beautiful yellow clothed young girl appeared before their eyes, and even the guards that came over after hearing the sounds over here couldn't help but be stunned.

This person that descended from the sky is actually a young girl?

Based on this young girl's appearance, she's at most at the age of 15 or 16...

A 15 or 16 year old Void Prying Stage martial artist?

The group of guards felt their scalps go numb.

Actually, it wasn't just them, even King Yong, the two old men behind him, and the group of young geniuses were dumbstruck.

Compared to this yellow clothed young girl before them, they felt that they'd lived all these years in vain.

When they were at this age, it was already not bad if they had a cultivation at the Origin Core Stage.

"Watch out!" Right at this moment, King Yong seemed to have noticed something, and his face went grim as he shouted out.

Swish! Swish!

At the same time, a black and a white bolt of lightning shot towards Duan Ling Tian at an extremely swift speed.

Amongst the people present, only King Yong, the two old men behind him, Mo Xuan, and He Long were able to see the path their two bolts of lightning flashed on.

"Hiss hiss~" In next to no time, they saw a scene that shocked them.

They saw that a little python had appeared on each of Duan Ling Tian's shoulders.

The two little pythons were black and white respectively, and they were utterly unable to discern what type of pythons these were.

Presently, the two little pythons were flicking their tongues as they licked Duan Ling Tian's face happily.

"Little Black, Little White." Duan Ling Tian recovered from the shock of seeing the yellow clothed young girl appear as well, and then he stretched out his hand to grab the two little pythons in his hand before lightly smiling and sizing them up.

"Hehe... Big Brother Ling Tian." Meanwhile, the yellow clothed young girl that stood at the side looked at Duan Ling Tian.

"Xue Nai." Duan Ling Tian looked at the young girl, and he had a

slightly pleasantly surprised expression. "How did all of you know I was here?"

The yellow clothed young girl before him was none other than Han Xue Nai who took the two little pythons away all those years ago.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, I, Little Black, and Little White went back to that cave to look for you, but unexpectedly, you'd already left... So, we went looking for you all the way until here." Han Xue Nai lightly smiled as she said, "I heard that you came to this Darkstone Empire to participate in some Young Genius Competition?"

"It's already over." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

"It's over?" Han Xue Nai drooped her little head, and she was slightly dispirited, and then she seemed to have thought of something and asked. "Then what are all of you doing here now?"

"This is the Darkstone Empire's Imperial Family's treasure vault, and we're about to enter to take our rewards from the Young Genius Competition this time. We're allowed to choose one treasure each," said Duan Ling Tian.

"Treasure? Can I go in and choose with you?" Han Xue Nai's eyes glowed as she'd become interested.

"This... You have to ask King Yong." Duan Ling Tian looked at King Yong with an embarrassed expression, and then he sent a

voice transmission with a slightly perturbed feeling in his heart. "King Yong, she's a young girl and doesn't know any better, don't..."

Duan Ling Tian hadn't even finished speaking his words of remedy when Han Xue Nai had already walked to arrive before King Yong, and she wasn't afraid in the slightest when facing King Yong who had a solemn expression.

Whoosh!

Han Xue Nai soared into the sky and stretched out her white wrist to lightly pat King Yong. "Uncle Red Mole, I want to go in and choose treasures with Big Brother Ling Tian as well, is that alright?"

"Xue Nai!" Never had Duan Ling Tian imagined that Han Xue Nai would do such an insane action, and he instantly felt his scalp go numb.

Uncle Red Mole?

The others were dumbstruck when they heard Han Xue Nai, and this included King Yong and the two old men behind him.

Subsequently, the crowd of people glanced at Han Xue Nai with a gaze of pity.

As far as they were concerned, although this young girl was

beautiful in appearance, and possessed natural talent in the Martial Dao that was extraordinary.

But joking without respect to the number one expert of the Darkstone Empire, King Yong, would probably cause her to lose her life.

"King Yong..." Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath, and he wanted to plead for mercy on Han Xue Nai's behalf.

"Of course you can." King Yong spoke, interrupting Duan Ling Tian and causing him to be flabbergasted.

He saw King Yong look at Han Xue Nai with a genial expression and a smile on his face. "Little Girl, since you're interested in the treasure vault of our Darkstone Empire's Imperial Family, then go in with them... You can choose all of the treasures within, take whatever you want."

"Thank you, Uncle Red Mole." Han Xue Nai's eyes lit up before her figure flashed out, seeming to have transformed into a gust of wind that dashed into the treasure vault.

At this moment, she'd tossed Duan Ling Tian to the back of her head.

Outside the treasure vault, everyone including Duan Ling Tian was dumbstruck, and all of them looked at King Yong in disbelief.

"King Yong is so amiable?" Duan Ling Tian and some of the people that weren't so familiar with King Yong thought in their hearts.

Only some of the people who'd heard of King Yong's deed had expressions of disbelief. "King Yong was actually so courteous to that young girl... Could it be that she's has some great background?"

At this moment, even the two old men behind King Yong thought in this way.

"All of you, go in." King Yong restrained the smile on his face and recovered his expressionless face before speaking indifferently to Duan Ling Tian and the others.

Duan Ling Tian and the others instantly entered the treasure vault.

"King Yong..." Meanwhile, the two old men behind King Yong looked at King Yong at the same time with bewildered expressions.

"Revered Elders, I know what the two of you want to ask... We can't afford to offend this young girl." King Yong sighed, and slight terror appeared deep within his eyes.

The two old men were instantly petrified when they heard this.

Can't afford to offend?

King Yong said such words?

In next to no time, they thought of the accomplishments that the young girl had achieved at such an age, and they couldn't help but come to a sudden understanding. "Perhaps this young girl is the daughter of the higher-ups from one of the top powers in the Darkhan Dynasty!"

Duan Ling Tian followed the group of people to enter the treasure vault.

But in his heart, he constantly carried traces of bewilderment.

The change in King Yong's attitude was too strange.

"Could it be that Xue Nai used a voice transmission earlier to tell King Yong of her background?" In the end, Duan Ling Tian could only think in this way.

According to his knowledge, the yellow clothed young girl, Han Xue Nai, was from the foreign lands.

According to his guesses, there was an enormous power behind Xue Nai.

Otherwise, how could they possibly assist her to possess this cultivation at such a young age.

"Wait!" Duan Ling Tian seemed to have thought of something, and his face changed into an expression of shock. "How did I not notice earlier... Xue Nai's current appearance seems to be completely the same as one year ago, there was utterly no change!"

"Logically speaking, she's at least over 20 years old now... Yet her appearance is still like a young girl around the age of 15 or 16, and she's just like a little child that can't grow up." Duan Ling Tian's heart shook when he thought up to here.

The maiden of heavenly mountain!

At the first possible moment, a terrifying thought emerged in Duan Ling Tian's heart.

He still remembered that in the earth of his previous life, there was [a famous Wuxia novel](#) that had an existence that was called the maiden of heavenly mountain.

That maiden had an age over 100 yet had the appearance of a young girl.

"Could it be that Xue Nai is a hundred plus year old Old Demon? Old Monster?" Duan Ling Tian's heart trembled as he felt a chill run down his spine.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian looked at Han Xue Nai who was leafing through the entire treasure vault, and then his Spiritual

Force silently stretched out with an intention of discovering Han Xue Nai's cultivation.

Unfortunately, his Spiritual Force had only just arrived a meter away from Han Xue Nai when it was like a stone that sank into the sea, and there was no response from it any longer.

"It seems as if there's some sort of energy that's stopping me from detecting Xue Nai's cultivation... Yet this feeling is completely different from when I use my Spiritual Force on a Void Interpretation Stage expert like King Yong." Duan Ling Tian suddenly felt that this yellow clothed young girl of unknown background had an identity that was more and more mysterious.

"Hiss hiss~" Right at this moment, the sounds of the two little pythons flicking their tongues sounded out by Duan Ling Tian's ear once again.

"Right, how could I have forgotten the two of you?" Duan Ling Tian looked at the two little pythons and sent a voice transmission into their ears. "Little Black, Little White... Both of you ought to be able to communicate with me via voice transmission, right? If you two are unable to do that, then both of you'll be even inferior to Little Gold."

Instantly.

"Big Brother, we're much more formidable than her! We were able to communicate with Big Sister Xue Nai using voice transmission since we were at the Void Prying Stage."

"Exactly, exactly... Big Brother, we're extremely formidable!"

Two anxious and immature voice transmissions entered into Duan Ling Tian's ears at the same time.

The first voice transmission was like the voice of a young boy, whereas, the second voice transmission was instead like the voice of a young girl.

Chapter 591: Three-Eyed Flame Tiger

Duan Ling Tian laughed in his heart when he heard the voice transmission of the two little pythons.

Sure enough, these two little fellows were still unconvinced of the little gold mouse's strength.

When he recalled the content of the voice transmission of the little black python with a voice of a young boy, Duan Ling Tian's heart jerked.

"We were able to communicate with Big Sister Xue Nai using voice transmission since we were at the Void Prying Stage." This was the words spoke by the little black python.

Under his curiosity, Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force stretched out to sweep towards the two little pythons.

Right at this moment, Duan Ling Tian noticed that when his Spiritual Force still hadn't touched the two little pythons yet, a strand of mysterious and unfathomable energy stretched out from the complicated striations on their bodies, and it blocked his Spiritual Force.

This caused his Spiritual Force to be unable to touch the bodies of the two little pythons, let alone detect their cultivations.

Duan Ling Tian quickly noticed as well that the two little

pythons seemed to have no knowledge whatsoever of the energy that stretched out from the complicated striations on their bodies, and this was something he was able to discern from their reactions.

"The golden striations on Little Black's body and the silver striations on Little White's body... I felt they were extraordinary all those years ago, now they're actually able to stretch out a mysterious energy to block my Spiritual Force!" Duan Ling Tian's heart shook, and he was shocked in his heart.

"What're your cultivations now? Who's more formidable?" Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

"Big Brother, I'm more formidable, I'm more formidable!" The little black python's voice of a young boy entered into Duan Ling Tian's ears first. "Big Brother, I'm already at the third level of the Void Initiation Stage... Little White is only at the second level of the Void Initiation Stage, she isn't as formidable as I am." Whereas the little white python drooped her head and didn't respond to Duan Ling Tian's question.

Duan Ling Tian hurriedly consoled. "Alright, Little White... Your natural talent isn't inferior to Little Black, and you'll surely be able to chase up too Little Black soon."

The little white python raised her tiny head when she heard this, and then she lightly rubbed the back of Duan Ling Tian's hand. "Big Brother, I'll work hard! I'll surely surpass Little Black."

Duan Ling Tian had a complicated gaze when he heard Little White's solemn promise.

Although he'd known since long ago that Little Black and Little White would possess extraordinary accomplishments from following Han Xue Nai, he never imagined that the two little fellows would actually have already broken through to the Void Initiation Stage. Moreover, it was the second and third level of the Void Initiation Stage...

They'd completely thrown the little gold mouse into the distance.

"Little Gold, where exactly are you now?" Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but think of the little gold mouse, and he felt a wave of worry.

"Duan Ling Tian, you aren't choosing yet? There's not much time left." Suddenly, Su Li arrived by Duan Ling Tian's side, and he reminded Duan Ling Tian who was teasing the two little pythons.

"There's a time limit?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned.

"King Yong said earlier that he would give us half an hour of time," said Su Li.

Duan Ling Tian nodded and he started to go around the treasure vault.

"What treasure vault? It's all a pile of junk... I'm not choosing

anymore, I'm not choosing anymore!" Right at this moment, Han Xue Nai's voice suddenly sounded out, and it caused Duan Ling Tian to be unable to help but laugh bitterly.

This little ancestor had an extraordinary background, and it was even likely that she was from a formidable power in the Foreign Lands.

It was understandable that she who possessed such a background would not take a fancy to the things within the treasure vault of the Darkstone Empire.

On the other hand, the corners of the mouths of Su Li and the other young geniuses twitched.

Junk?

They didn't even have the chance to choose a second treasure now.

King Yong had given this young girl the authority to take whatever she wanted and how many she wanted, yet she actually rejected them and didn't want a single treasure?

"Comparisons between people are truly odious!" The group of young geniuses couldn't help but sigh with emotion.

King Yong instead couldn't help but heave a sigh of relief when he heard the young girl's words.

When he made the promise earlier, he felt a wave of fear after it as he was worried the young girl would take away all the contents in the entire treasure vault.

Now, all the treasures within the treasure vault were rejected by the young girl, and at the same time that he had a complicated feeling, he felt slightly delighted.

At the same time, he realized even more about how the young girl wasn't simple.

On the other side, Duan Ling Tian had searched for a while, and he didn't notice anything he wanted particularly.

In the end, he chose a weapons refinement material.

This weapons refinement material was able to be used to refine a grade five spirit weapon.

The reason Duan Ling Tian chose it was because he didn't have anything to choose, so he took it as something to keep in preparation.

Half an hour of time swiftly passed.

Duan Ling Tian and the others had each chosen a treasure, and they followed behind King Yong to leave this pavilion that served

as the treasure vault.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, are all of you going to the Darkhan Dynasty next?" Han Xue Nai followed by Duan Ling Tian's side like a curious baby.

The gaze Duan Ling Tian looked at Han Xue Nai now was completely different.

Who knew if she really was a 'maiden of heavenly mountain'...

When he thought of how he might have been called 'Big Brother' by such an existence, Duan Ling Tian felt his scalp go numb and a chill run down his spine.

"This... You have to ask King Yong." Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath and replied.

Instantly, Han Xue Nai looked at King Yong. "Uncle Red Mole, when are all of you going to the Darkhan Dynasty?"

"Little Girl, you plan to follow us?" King Yong felt a wave of powerlessness in his heart when he faced the yellow clothed young girl before him, yet he still worked hard to squeeze out a trace of a smile on his face.

"Right, I'll go wherever Big Brother Ling Tian goes!" Han Xue Nai nodded like a chick pecking grains, and she was extremely jubilant.

After King Yong realized he was unable to get rid of this young girl, he sighed. "We're leaving now."

At the same time, the gaze he shot at Duan Ling Tian had a slight expression of wonder.

He was extremely curious about how Duan Ling Tian had gotten to know this terrifying young girl.

"Duan Ling Tian, who's she?" Duan Ling Tian received Su Li's voice transmission.

He knew that the 'she' Su Li was asking about was Han Xue Nai.

"I don't know either." Duan Ling Tian replied via voice transmission, and his tone contained slight bitterness mixed within.

"You don't know? Then she calls you big brother?" Su Li was slightly speechless.

"I was acquainted with her a few years ago... According to my judgement, her identity is extremely extraordinary, and she ought to be from the Foreign Lands!" Duan Ling Tian replied via voice transmission.

"Foreign Lands?" Su Li's pupils constricted, and then he sent a

voice transmission. "No wonder King Yong was so courteous towards her... Looks like it ought to be because she told King Yong of her identity, or perhaps King Yong had guessed her identity."

"Perhaps." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

Han Xue Nai joined Duan Ling Tian's group of ten, they followed behind King Yong and the two old men to soar up into the sky.

"Over there!" King Yong brought along the two old men and Duan Ling Tian's group of 11 to head towards the east.

After a short moment, they'd left the Imperial Palace and left the Imperial City.

A lofty and enormous mountain appeared ahead.

Meanwhile, King Yong stopped moving, whereas, Duan Ling Tian and the others stopped along with him.

Right when Duan Ling Tian and the others were bewildered about why King Yong would bring them here...

Rumble!

The lofty and enormous mountain ahead trembled, and it shook before the eyes of Duan Ling Tian and the others.

Whoosh!

Right at this moment, an exceedingly enormous figure shot into the sky, and in the blink of an eye, it stood between the clouds before heading towards Duan Ling Tian's group.

"Roar!!" A demon beast that was enormous like a mountain appeared before the eyes of Duan Ling Tian and the others, and then it roared into the sky, emitting a deafening loud roar.

For a time, the clouds and mist in the horizon were shocked to dispersal by its voice, whereas, amongst Duan Ling Tian's group, all the eighth level of the Void Prying Stage martial artists including Long Yun couldn't help but go pale.

Obviously, they were affected by the loud roar of the demon beast.

Now, Duan Ling Tian had seen it clearly.

The demon beast before him was a tiger type demon beast, its body enormous like a large mountain. When looked at from afar, it was like a tiger with an enormous mountain as its back, and its body was covered in fur that were like flames.

"This demon beast..." Under his curiosity, Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force stretched out with intent to scan this demon beast's strength.

Right at this moment a voice transmission followed along his Spiritual Force to enter into his ears. "Little fellow, your strength isn't bad. You're merely at the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage yet you're actually able to withstand my roar that contained Origin Energy."

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force was completely dispersed.

"That's ... A third eye?" Duan Ling Tian who was observing in detail quickly noticed that between the brows of this enormous demon beast, a crack had suddenly split open, and a peculiar eye appeared before him.

In the blink of an eye, this eye closed back up once again.

"Three eyes, and he's able to see through my cultivation with a single glance." Duan Ling Tian gasped, and the lifetime worth of memories of the Rebirth Martial Emperor flashed within his mind as he intended to find out what exactly was this demon beast.

Before long, he found the answer.

According to the memories of Rebirth Martial Emperor, the demon beast before him ought to be...

"Three-Eyed Flame Tiger?" Duan Ling Tian's thought hadn't finished emerging when he heard Han Xue Nai's rather surprised voice.

"Xue Nai is actually able to recognize it?" Duan Ling Tian was surprised.

Earlier, he'd found the records related to the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger from the memories of the Rebirth Martial Emperor.

The Three-Eyed Flame Tiger was a type of demon beast with an extremely formidable strength.

A mature Three-Eyed Flame Tiger even had the chance to advance into the Void Interpretation Stage...

It belonged to the ranks of kings amongst the various demon beasts below 'Demons.'

"So long as the third eye of the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger is opened, then with a single glance, it's able to see through the cultivation any human or demon beast with a cultivation below it... Earlier, it had precisely relied on its third eye to see through my cultivation." The bewilderment in Duan Ling Tian's eyes had completely vanished.

"It's a pity..." Han Xue Nai looked at the distant Three-Eyed Flame Tiger like a little adult, and she criticized it. "Your bloodline isn't pure. In this entire lifetime of yours, you'll only be at the ninth level of the Void Initiation Stage... Wanting to advance a step further is difficult."

Han Xue Nai's words had infuriated the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger.

"Roar!!" The Three-Eyed Flame Tiger shook its head that was like a small hill, and its enormous eyes that seemed as if they were two balls of burning flames stared fixedly at Han Xue Nai.

"What? Big guy, you're angry?" Han Xue Nai giggled as if she didn't take the large fellow before her seriously.

"Roar!!" Instantly, the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger was completely enraged, and it roared explosively before charging directly towards her.

Right at this instant, Duan Ling Tian felt a scorching aura assault his face, and it caused him to be unable to refrain from having a grim expression.

The other young geniuses including Mo Xuan who had the strongest strength went pale as well.

It was at this instant that a gentle yet enormous strength carried Duan Ling Tian and the others to dodge to the side.

It was precisely King Yong who's made a move.

Duan Ling Tian felt as if he was travelling through space, and when he recovered his senses, he saw with a glance that Han Xue Nai was facing the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger by herself now.

Chapter 592: Little Devil

"Xue Nai!" Duan Ling Tian's face went pale when faced with such a dangerous scene, and he couldn't help but exclaim.

He entirely didn't have the time to think why King Yong would have moved everyone away, yet didn't move Han Xue Nai.

In the distance, Han Xue Nai's expression remained unchanged when faced with the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger that seemed to have transformed into a ball of flames that pounced towards her.

At this moment, in the sky above the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger that swiftly moved forward, 12 ancient horned dragon silhouettes swept out to reveal his cultivation.

Ninth level of the Void Prying Stage!

Not only that, along with the pulsating of the Origin Energy on the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger's body, a fiery red energy that was almost material flawlessly combined with his Origin energy, and it seemed like burning flames.

Meanwhile another eight ancient horned dragon silhouettes appeared in the sky.

"Eighth level Fire Concept!" Duan Ling Tian's pupils constricted.

Besides being a ninth level Void Prying Stage demon beast, this Three-Eyed Flame Tiger had also comprehended eighth level Fire Concept!

"Roar!!" The Three-Eyed Flame Tiger pounced towards Han Xue Nai, and when its body that was like an enormous mountain was compared with Han Xue Nai's body, they were simply like two opposites.

When compared, the difference between Han Xue Nai and the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger was like the difference between an ant and human.

"King Yong wouldn't have intentionally not saved her, right?" At this moment, similar thoughts had emerged in the hearts of all the young geniuses including Duan Ling Tian.

King Yong's actions earlier of only saving them yet not saving the young girl was something that they were unable to wrap their heads around, whereas, the following scene caused Duan Ling Tian to be completely stunned. "This..."

Now, it wasn't only Duan Ling Tian, everyone else besides King Yong had their eyes wide open with dumbstruck expressions.

Heavens!

What have I seen?!

Han Xue Nai in the distance raised her hand unhurriedly when facing the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger that carried along the strength of 20 ancient horned dragons.

Subsequently, every present clearly saw Han Xue Nai lightly leap up, then her white wrist that was like white jade slowly stretched out from beneath her sleeve, and it moved to intercept the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger that approached menacingly.

"Roar!!" The Three-Eyed Flame Tiger let out a loud roar, and then it opened up its blood mouth, intending to swallow Han Xue Nai into its belly.

Right at this moment, Han Xue Nai made another move.

Her graceful figure dangerously avoided the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger's bloody mouth.

Subsequently, she arrived between the brows of the flame tiger.

Whoosh!

Her delicate hand formed a palm that pressed down towards the spot between the flame tiger's brows.

Right at this moment, Origin Energy appeared in the center of Han Xue Nai's palm before condensing into a revolving vortex that instantly caused gusts of strong winds to sweep out in all directions.

Instantly, Duan Ling Tian and the others felt a wave of violent winds assault them, and it blew to the point that they were barely able to stand firmly on the spot in midair with Origin Energy protecting their bodies, whereas, the clothed on their bodies fluttered in the wind to the point of emitting flapping sounds.

"What strong Origin Energy!" Duan Ling Tian's pupils couldn't help but constrict, and he felt extremely shocked in his heart.

Such strong Origin Energy was obviously already above the Void Initiation Stage!

Void Interpretation Stage?

Duan Ling Tian's heart jerked, and at the same time, he couldn't help but raise his head while intending to clearly see the total amount of ancient horned dragon silhouettes that had condensed into form above Han Xue Nai.

But unfortunately, in the next moment, waves of coldness emerged from the violent winds, and it caused him to be unable to help but close his eyes.

When Duan Ling Tian squinted his eyes and looked over with difficulty, he instead saw that this coldness had come from the Origin Energy vortex that spun rapidly on Han Xue Nai's hand.

Presently, strands of extremely terrifying icy cold aura were

stretching out from those Origin Energy vortexes, and the air around Han Xue Nai had already been frozen to the point it almost stopped moving.

"Big guy, I know you Three-Eyed Flame Tigers hate water and ice the most... I'll let you try the feeling of being frozen into a popsicle." Suddenly, Han Xue Nai spoke out, and her voice that was moving like the sound of an oriole instead caused others to feel a slight chill run down their spines at this moment.

Frozen into a popsicle?

Right when Duan Ling Tian's heart jerked, Han Xue Nai's palm descended down to slap onto the spot between the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger's brows.

Instantly, a terrifying gale swept out, and within it was an aura that was icy cold to the extreme mixed within it, whereas, the clouds and mist in the horizon had completely stopped moving at this moment.

They were completely frozen by the icy cold aura.

Duan Ling Tian and the others were utterly unable to clearly see how many ancient horned dragon silhouettes had appeared atop Han Xue Nai.

When these clouds and mist once again started moving, the figures of Han Xue Nai and the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger once again

appeared before the eyes of everyone present.

But the scene before them caused everyone including King Yong to be dumbstruck.

"It really became a popsicle..." Duan Ling Tian muttered as he looked ahead.

Within Duan Ling Tian's field of vision, the faraway Three-Eyed Flame Tiger had completely stopped on the spot.

Presently, there was a layer of thick icy that froze the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger within it, causing it to become a unique icy sculpture, whereas within the ice sculpture, the Origin Energy on the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger's body could vaguely be seen to be gradually dispersing.

As for the eight level Fire Concept in the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger's Origin Energy, it had been blasted to the point nothing remained since long ago.

Now, the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger had completely stiffened in midair, and its body started to descend slowly.

Whoosh!

Right at this moment, a swift figure instantly arrived below the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger and help it up to prevent the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger from falling down.

Otherwise, with the current height the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger was at, then once it fell down, it would surely transform into countless pieces along with the ice that froze it.

The one that saved the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger was naturally King Yong.

Presently, King Yong was looking at the yellow clothed young girl in the distance with a bitter smile on his face.

The young girl that looked harmless instead seemed no different to a devil in King Yong's eyes. "Xue... Young Miss Xue Nai, this Three-Eyed Flame Tiger didn't mean to oppose you, I hope that you can show mercy." King Yong's tone contained slightly helplessness mixed within.

"Hmph!" Han Xue Nai raised her head and glanced indifferently at the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger that was frozen, and then she said indifferently, "Who asked him to want to eat me... Uncle Red Mole, if you want to save him, feel free to save him from the ice, I won't stop you." As she finished speaking, a wisp of a sly smile appeared in Han Xue Nai's eyes.

It was as if there was some sort of trickery to it.

King Yong's expression sank, and he sighed. "Young Miss Xue Nai, please don't joke... You froze it with your Origin Energy combined with Ice Concept, and it has already caused him to fuse into one with the ice. If I were to forcefully do something to the

ice, then he would die along with it."

Han Xue Nai's beautiful face froze, and she spoke with slight surprise. "Uncle Red Mole, I never expected that you know this as well... Uncle Red Mole, where did you find out about this? According to my knowledge, Ice Concept isn't common."

When he saw Han Xue Nai intentionally changing the topic, King Yong was completely helpless, and he glanced over to the distant violet clothed young man with a gaze that sought for help and said via voice transmission, "Duan Ling Tian, please ask this Young Miss Xue Nai to spare this Three-Eyed Flame Tiger... This Three-Eyed Flamed Tiger is our Darkstone Imperial Kingdom's Imperial Family's Empire Guarding Demon Beast, and it had extraordinary meaning to our Darkstone Empire."

"Young Miss Xue Nai's Ice Concept is truly too strong... With the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger's strength, it would be at most half an hour before it would be dead for sure!" As he finished speaking, King Yong's voice was slightly trembling.

Ice Concept!

Duan Ling Tian gasped.

He never imagined that Xue Nai had actually comprehended such a terrifying concept.

Ice Concept could be said to be the upgraded version of Water

Concept, and it stood above the numerous Concepts of nature.

Since ancient times, there was a saying that had been passed down: 'Ice is made of water, yet it's colder than water.'

This was the same principle behind a pupil outdoing the master.

"Xue Nai..." Duan Ling Tian looked at Han Xue Nai.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, don't worry." Before Duan Ling Tian could finish speaking, Han Xue Nai interrupted Duan Ling Tian's words as she'd obviously guessed what Duan Ling Tian wanted to say.

The slyness in the depths of her beautiful eyes grew even denser. "I won't kill this big guy... Wasn't he unconvinced earlier? Then I'll freeze him for 15 minutes, and allow him to sober up properly. Let's see if he dares be unconvinced again!" Her tone contained slight childishness.

15 minutes?

Duan Ling Tian's face froze when he heard this, and then he glanced at the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger that had been frozen into a popsicle with pity.

This big fellow just had to go offend this little devil.

He was simple looking to suffer!

But Duan Ling Tian's heart was still filled with shock.

Never had he imagined that Xue Nai's strength was actually so terrifying.

Earlier, because the clouds and mist in the horizon had been frozen by Xue Nai's Ice Concept, so Duan Ling Tian and the others weren't able to see how many ancient horned dragon silhouettes had been condensed into form by the energy of heaven and earth.

But even then, Duan Ling Tian was still able to confirm that Xue Nai's strength was surely at the Void Interpretation Stage or above.

Moreover, she wasn't an ordinary Void Interpretation Stage martial artist.

This was something that could be discerned from the attitude King Yong assumed when facing Xue Nai.

At the beginning, he'd perceived that King Yong was extremely afraid of Xue Nai.

At that time, he thought that Xue Nai had spoke of her background, and that's what caused King Yong to be like that.

Now it would seem that the facts weren't like that.

"Perhaps when Xue Nai stretched out her hand to pay King Yong's shoulder before the Darkstone Empire's Imperial Family's treasure vault earlier, she's revealed her terrifying strength to King Yong..." Duan Ling Tian thought in his heart as he guessed.

"Xue Nai wouldn't really be an extremely old figure, right?" Duan Ling Tian glanced at Han Xue Nai, and he felt a chill run down his spine.

Of course, Duan Ling Tian only thought about it yet didn't speak of it.

He didn't want to be frozen into a popsicle like the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger.

Moreover, it was only Duan Ling Tian's irresponsible wild guess.

If Xue Nai really was a figure like the 'maiden of heavenly mountain,' then how could she possibly be willing to address a little kid like him as Big Brother?

All of his thoughts couldn't hold its ground before the facts.

"Perhaps, it was because of certain reasons that Xue Nai's appearance didn't change in the slightest during these past few years." Duan Ling Tian guessed in his heart.

"But, such a large popsicle is really rarely seen in the entire world..." When he returned to his senses, Duan Ling Tian sighed with emotion as he looked at the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger that was frozen into a popsicle.

"15 minutes?" King Yong had a bitter smile on his face as he looked at the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger above him.

Meanwhile, including the two old men behind King Yong, everyone looked at Han Xue Nai now with a gaze that was filled with terror and astonishment.

Never had they imagined that this harmless young girl that looked to be around 15 or 16 actually possessed such a terrifying cultivation.

Moreover, she was a little devil that they couldn't afford to offend!

Chapter 593: Ninth Level of the Void Prying Stage

"This fellow Duan Ling Tian actually knows such a terrifying figure." Su Li glanced at Duan Ling Tian as he shook his head, and he was rather shocked.

He originally thought that him being able to encounter his Master was already a great fortunate encounter that others could only envy.

But Duan Ling Tian's fortune was even more exaggerated. He'd become acquainted with a 15 or 16 year old young girl that was an existence at the Void Interpretation Stage or above.

In terms of fortuitous encounter, Duan Ling Tian's had surpassed him.

"Hiss hiss~" The two little pythons stuck out their heads from beneath Duan Ling Tian's sleeve, and their eyes revolved ceaselessly as they flicked their tongues.

It was more like they were cheering for the young girl.

The time of 15 minutes passed by in the blink of an eye for Duan Ling Tian and the others.

But to the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger, it was undoubtedly extremely

great torture.

Although the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger was frozen to the point it was unable to move, Duan Ling Tian and the others were still able to see the flickering strands of terror in its eyes that had sprung wide open.

"Young Miss Xue Nai, 15 minutes have passed." After 15 minutes, King Yong who was still holding up the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger looked at Han Xue Nai, and his face carried a bitter smile of helplessness since the beginning.

He was sure that the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger had never suffered such a 'punishment' in its entire lifetime.

But he was also sure that even if the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger suffered this punishment, it wouldn't dare be the slightest bit displeased towards the young girl.

This young girl was utterly not an existence that the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger could go against.

"Big guy, remember well... When this Young Miss speaks in the future, you can only nod in agreement! If you dare question me again, then watch out that this Young Miss will freeze you into a popsicle again." Han Xue Nai glared at the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger that was frozen within ice, and then he didn't seem to make any movements.

Snap!

She just snapped her finger, and right at this moment, the ice that confined the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger within it had instantly shattered into pieces before transforming into mist that covered the sky and completely vanished from the world.

"Aowu~" After the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger was freed, its body that was like an enormous mountain slightly trembled.

Its enormous eyes that looked at Han Xue Nai lightly flashed before revealing terror that came from the heart.

Now, before Han Xue Nai, the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger was obedient like a little cat.

Duan Ling Tian and the others all sighed with emotion when they saw this scene.

In this world where the strong are respected, the strong were enough to rule over everything.

At the beginning, this Three-Eyed Flame Tiger became enraged from Han Xue Nai's words, and it aggressively wanted to swallow up Han Xue Nai to prove its dignity.

Yet in the end, it was instead torture by Han Xue Nai.

Now, the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger was tortured to the point it was convinced of Han Xue Nai's superiority, causing it to not dare be displeased in the slightest towards Han Xue Nai, and all it had was extreme terror that came from the bottom of its heart.

"Everyone ascend the back of the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger, we'll be leaving to the Darkhan Dynasty right away!" Meanwhile, King Yong's voice entered into the ears of everyone.

"So King Yong brought us here because he wanted to Three-Eyed Flame Tiger to carry us to the Darkhan Dynasty."

"The Three-Eyed Flame Tiger was originally only called over by King Yong to help carry us over... But unexpectedly, it actually encountered this little devil. It can be said that it's truly unfortunate."

"Yes, anyone that offends this little devil will be struck with misfortune!"

"I really envy Duan Ling Tian for being able to form a relationship with this little devil."

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Many young geniuses discussed animatedly.

Meanwhile, everyone stood on the back of the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger successively.

The Three-Eyed Flame Tiger's body was enormous like a mountain, and its back was extremely spacious as well and was sufficient to accommodate many people.

"This Three-Eyed Flame Tiger's back... In terms of area, it's even able to compare with a football field of my previous life." Duan Ling Tian looked around and as he gazed at the flat back of the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger, he couldn't help but sigh with emotion in his heart.

"Big Brother Ling Tian." Han Xue Nai followed by Duan Ling Tian's side like a shadow, and she teased the two little pythons that stuck their heads out from beneath Duan Ling Tian's sleeve as she greeted Duan Ling Tian.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian looked at Han Xue Nai with an extremely complicated gaze.

He's already felt Han Xue Nai wasn't simple all those years ago, but he never imagined that she would actually possess such a terrifying strength.

"If Xue Nai is really only a little over 20, yet possesses this cultivation of hers... Then her background..." It was slightly difficult for Duan Ling Tian to imagine.

"Xue Nai." Duan Ling Tian looked at Han Xue Nai was asked slightly uncertainty via voice transmission. "You... How old are you?"

Han Xue Nai's lively eyes spun when she heard Duan Ling Tian, and then she replied via voice transmission. "21."

21?

Duan Ling Tian was dumbstruck.

Duan Ling Tian recovered from his shock after a short while, and then he couldn't refrain from asking. "Then why is your appearance always like this...? All those years ago when I met you for the first time, you have the same appearance as you have now. Your appearance has never changed this whole time."

Han Xue Nai lowered her little head when she heard this, and she said with slight helplessness, "Big Brother Ling Tian, actually, I don't want to be like this as well... But the cultivation method I cultivate is like this, and I'm helpless.

"Only when my cultivation arrives at a certain level would I be able to break through the shackles of having a young appearance, and I'll be able to grow like an ordinary person."

Cultivation method?

Duan Ling Tian came to a sudden understanding.

If all of this was because of the effect of her cultivation method,

then it could be understood.

Of course, if it was someone else, they would perhaps feel that it was unbelievable.

A mere cultivation method was able to allow a person to maintain a young appearance for many years?

Only Duan Ling Tian knew that the ability of some cultivation methods exceeded the imaginations of ordinary people.

There was no need to go so far, just the Rebirth Martial Emperor was enough.

The Rebirth Martial Emperor cultivated the Three Lives Rebirth Technique all those years ago, and he was able to use the same soul but different body to experience three lifetimes...

In the eyes of an ordinary person, this was an inconceivable and unbelievable thing.

But it did indeed exist.

If it wasn't for an unexpected event, the Rebirth Martial Emperor's third lifetime would have probably started already.

In that way, the current Duan Ling Tian wouldn't exist.

"So that's how it is." Duan Ling Tian heaved a sigh of relief as he finally confirmed that Han Xue Nai wasn't an old granny.

"Xue Nai, can you tell me of your origins?" Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

It was as if there were thousands of ants crawling in his heart, and they had become restless because of his curiosity that was aroused from Han Xue Nai's origins.

"Hehe... Big Brother Ling Tian, you'll naturally know in the future. Even if I tell you now, you might not know of it."

Han Xue Nai's reply was ambiguous.

I might not know of it even if she told me?

Duan Ling Tian neither agreed nor disagreed when he heard Han Xue Nai's reply.

After all, he wasn't the frog at the bottom of the well like Han Xue Nai thought he was.

Perhaps in the eyes of Han Xue Nai, he was only a bumpkin that had never left the Darkhan Dynasty, a rash fellow that had never been to the Foreign Lands.

However, in reality, he instead possessed the memories of an

extremely formidable Martial Emperor that had experienced two lifetimes.

"This little girl Xue Nai is still acting mysterious with me... Perhaps her background is related to the Rebirth Martial Emperor." Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

According to the memories of the two lifetimes Rebirth Martial Emperor had experienced, he'd had a great deal of interaction with the top few great powers in Cloud Continent during his peak period.

As far as Duan Ling Tian was concerned, it was extremely likely that Han Xue Nai was from one of those powers.

Coincidentally, one of those few powers was lead by a person surnamed Han.

"The Ancient Han Clan!" According to the memories of the Rebirth Martial Emperor, that Han Clan was one of the most ancient clans in Cloud Continent, and it had experienced countless amounts of years without perishing.

In Cloud Continent, there were only two clans that could be traces back to the ancient times, and the Han Clan was one of them.

When he thought up to here, Duan Ling Tian understood in his heart and didn't delve deeper into it with Han Xue Nai.

It was just like Han Xue Nai had said, if he was able to become a Martial Monarch or even a Martial Emperor in the future, he would surely interact with the top powers of Cloud Continent.

At that time, he would be easily able to inquire if Han Xue Nai was someone from the Ancient Han Clan.

"Let's go!" Suddenly, King Yong's stern shout sounded out by Duan Ling Tian's ears.

King Yong asked the Three-Eyed Flamed Tiger beneath them to leave, yet the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger didn't make a single movement, and it stood on the spot while remaining unmoving.

It was as if it had become stiff on the spot.

This caused the group of young geniuses to be slightly speechless. "Could it be that this Three-Eyed Flame Tiger still thinks it's been frozen and unable to move?"

"Xue Nai." When he saw King Yong's expression becoming more and more unsightly, Duan Ling Tian looked at Han Xue Nai.

Han Xue Nai nodded with understanding, then she lightly raised her leg to step on the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger beneath her, and then shouted in a delicate voice. "Big guy, move quickly! Otherwise, I'll freeze you into a pop..."

She hadn't finished saying 'sicle' when the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger seemed as if it was given stimulants, and its body flashed out to head directly towards the Darkhan Dynasty.

The caused the people present to be unable to help from sighing.

Especially King Yong, a strand of bright light flashed in his eyes.

At this moment, King Yong was even planning in his heart if he should properly teach the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger a lesson, and make it be afraid of him like it was afraid of Han Xue Nai.

In this way, he wouldn't have to worry about the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger not listening to him.

It could be imagined that if the Three Eyed Flame Tiger were to know of King Yong's current thoughts, it would probably be terrified to the point it cried and fainted.

"Xue Nai, you accompany Little Black and Little White, I want to cultivate for some time." After Duan Ling Tian passed the two little pythons to Han Xue Nai, he sat down cross-legged on the spot and silently started cultivating.

Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique, Lightning Wyrms Form!

At the same time that he cultivated, Duan Ling Tian didn't forget to arouse the medicinal strength of the Void Fuse Fruit that had accumulated in his body to combine with the medicinal strength of

the Void Strengthening Pill and urge the speed of his cultivation to increase.

Needless to say, the Void Fuse Fruit's medicinal strength was extremely shocking.

Seven days later, Duan Ling Tian successfully charged through the bottleneck and stepped into the eighth level of the Void Prying Stage...

Half a month later, he successfully stepped into the ninth level of the Void Prying Stage!

Meanwhile, not much of the medicinal strength of the Void Fuse Fruit remained.

"Ninth level of the Void Prying Stage!" In a short half a month of time, his cultivation had undergone such a great transformation, and it caused Duan Ling Tian to be exceedingly pleased.

After Duan Ling Tian awoke, he temporarily didn't continue cultivating, and he instead sized up the surroundings.

Only now did he notice that practically all the others had sat cross-legged on the spacious back of the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger and were cultivating, and even King Yong and the two old men by King Yong's side were no exception.

Only Han Xue Nai was bouncing about chasing the two little

pythons, and similar to her current appearance, she wasn't like a 21 year old in the slightest.

Chapter 594: Capital of the Dynasty

"Now, I've already broken through to the ninth level of the Void Prying Stage, and I'm only a step away from the Void Initiation Stage... I ought to contact the owners of the other eight jade sword." Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian had withdrew a glittering and translucent jade sword.

This jade sword was exactly the key left behind by the Young Sect Leader of the Boundless Sect that day that opened the Sword Monarch's Treasure.

Just by hearing its name, the Sword Monarch's Treasure, one would be able to know that it was a treasure left behind by a formidable Martial Monarch.

Moreover, this was a sword cultivating Martial Monarch.

Without any hesitation, the Origin Energy on Duan Ling Tian's hand pulsated like three years ago, and he activated the Voice Transmission Inscription in the jade sword.

Right at this moment, Duan Ling Tian heard an aged voice. "After three years, you've finally appeared once again... I heard that fellow from the Darkstone Empire mention you three years ago."

"You are... Another owner of a jade sword?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"Yes." The aged voice passed through the Void Transmission Inscription to enter into Duan Ling Tian's ears, and it was exceedingly clear.

"Where are you from?" Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

"I'm from Phoenix Cry Empire." The aged voice answered indifferently.

"Phoenix Cry Empire?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned.

"It isn't surprising that you haven't heard it before... The Phoenix Cry Empire is extremely far from Darkstone Empire, and it doesn't belong to the Darkhan Dynasty." The aged voice continued. "I heard from that fellow the last time that you wanted to wait for your strength to be sufficient before opening the Sword Monarch's Treasure with all of us?"

"You've taken the initiative to contact us this time, are you already prepared?" The aged voice became slightly excited as it finished speaking.

Just think about it, the key to open the Sword Monarch's Treasure had been accumulating dust in his possession for many years, and not that it could be of use to open a great fortune, it was undoubtedly a thing that caused one to be excited.

Not to mention the various Dynasties including the Darkhan Dynasty, even if it was in the entire Foreign Lands, the Sword

Monarch's Treasure was something that would cause the eyes of countless martial artists to go red with greed.

Of course, if one doesn't possess a jade sword, that one would probably never be able to locate the Sword Monarch's Treasure.

Moreover, even if one possessed a jade sword, if all nine weren't gathered together, it would similarly be of no use.

Only after the nine jade swords were gathered would one be able to head towards the Sword Monarch's Treasure under the guidance of the jade sword and open the Sword Monarch's Treasure.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian replied.

"Very good." The owner of the aged voice spoke excitedly. "How about this, you and I will arrange a time and location... I'll be in charge to contact the other seven people. At that time, we'll all gather at the agreed upon location. How about it?"

"Alright." Duan Ling Tian readily agreed. "When and where do you think would be more suitable to gather?"

The owner of the aged voice said, "I roughly know their locations... How about this, three months from now, we'll gather at Pheasant Ridge which is north of the Imperial City of Eastern Mulberry Empire. How about it?"

"Eastern Mulberry Empire? Alright." Duan Ling Tian agreed. "It's a deal. We'll not leave before seeing each other three months from now."

Duan Ling Tian had heard of the Eastern Mulberry Empire, it was an Empire that neighbored the Darkstone Empire, and it was on the eastern side of Darkstone Empire. After one passed the eastern border of Darkstone Empire, one would be in the Eastern Mulberry Empire.

"We'll not leave before seeing each other." The aged voice spoke out as well.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian withdrew the Origin Energy that had fused into the Voice Transmission Inscription, and he severed the connection with the other person.

With a command in his heart, he was just about to put away the jade sword in his hand.

Unexpectedly.

Whoosh!

A swift and strong wind assaulted him, and in the next moment, the jade sword in Duan Ling Tian's hand was seized away.

Duan Ling Tian's face went grim, but when he saw clearly that the person who seized his jade sword was Han Xue Nai, he heaved a

sigh of relief.

Han Xue Nai blinked her cheeky eyes as she looked at the jade sword in her hand before looking at Duan Ling Tian, and then speaking with deep meaning. "Eh... Big Brother Ling Tian, this jade sword of yours seems to be extraordinary."

"There's nothing extraordinary about it, it's just a little toy." Duan Ling Tian shook his head lightly and smiled before stretching out his hand, intending to take back the jade sword from Han Xue Nai.

Unexpectedly, Han Xue Nai had dodged, causing Duan Ling Tian to grab at the air. "Big Brother Ling Tian, you're lying... Would a little toy have an Inscription on it? Moreover, it's a Voice Transmission Inscription." When she spoke up to here, Han Xue Nai looked at Duan Ling Tian with a gaze that was filled with cunning.

"Xue Nai... You, you're able to discern that there's a Voice Transmission Inscription on it?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned, as it was slightly unexpected to him.

For a time, Han Xue Nai had become even more mysterious in his eyes.

"Hehe... I've seen this type of inscription before." Han Xue Nai smiled.

Duan Ling Tian came to an understanding.

If Han Xue Nai really was a member of the Ancient Han Clan, then it wasn't strange that she recognized the Voice Transmission Inscription on the jade sword.

The Han Clan didn't lack Inscription Masters, nor did it lack Voice Transmission Inscriptions.

Han Xue Nai's pair of cheeky eyes ceaselessly spun about, then she looked at Duan Ling Tian with a spurious smile that showed she wouldn't return this jade sword to Duan Ling Tian until he told her about it.

"Xue Nai..." Duan Ling Tian laughed bitterly, and then he sent a voice transmission to tell the entire origins of the jade sword to Han Xue Nai.

"Sword Monarch's Treasure?" After Han Xue Nai found out about the origins of the jade sword, her cheeky eyes flickered with a bright light, and she was obviously interested in this Sword Monarch's Treasure.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, you're too bad... You wouldn't have been intending to leave me, Little Black, and Little White while you go alone to such a fun place, right?" After she returned the jade sword to Duan Ling Tian, Han Xue Nai spoke with slight displeasure.

Fun place?

The corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth twitched, and then he laughed embarrassedly yet didn't admit to it.

Even though he did indeed have thoughts like this.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, I'm going with you." Han Xue Nai's tone was resolute and decisive, and there was no room for discussion.

"If you want to come, then come." Duan Ling Tian didn't refuse.

As far as he was concerned, Han Xue Nai was an existence at the Void Interpretation Stage or above, and even in the entire Darkhan Dynasty, she was an expert at the top...

If she was present, then perhaps his trip to the Sword Monarch's Treasure would be much more relaxed.

Needless to say, as a ninth level Void Initiation Stage demon beast, the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger's speed was extremely swift.

It only spent a month to cross over from the Darkstone Empire's Imperial City to the Capital of Darkhan Dynasty and arrive in the sky above their destination.

The Three-Eyed Flame Tiger stood in mid air without moving an inch, and it seemed like an enormous mountain floating high above in the sky.

On this enormous mountain, a group of people had stood in a row as they looked down at the vast ground beneath them.

"This is the Darkhan Dynasty's Capital?" A young genius couldn't help but exclaim in a low voice.

Presently, a city that occupied an area so vast it was a few times the total area of the Darkstone Empire's Imperial City had appeared before the eyes of Duan Ling Tian's group.

"As expected of the Darkhan Dynasty's Capital, it's absolutely the largest city I've seen in my entire lifetime." Zhong Nan sighed with emotion.

"Yeah, before the Capital of the Darkhan Dynasty, I feel myself to be like a frog inside a well." Gao Yu Hai lightly fanned the fan in his hand, and he had a complicated gaze.

"All of you will only know what being a frog inside a well really means once all of you meet the young geniuses of the Darkhan Dynasty!" King Yong spoke indifferently. "According to my knowledge, there are many who possess strength that are on par with Mo Xuan in the Darkhan Dynasty... Although it's said that all of you have come here to compete for the qualifications to participate in the Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties, I'm only confident towards Mo Xuan."

"Of course, it isn't that I'm looking down on your natural talents... Amongst all of you, Duan Ling Tian and Su Li are both on

par with Mo Xuan in terms of natural talent. But unfortunately, they're too young! If they were given another few years of time, then it wasn't impossible for them to catch up to Mo Xuan." When he spoke up to here, King Yong looked at Duan Ling Tian and Su Li, and he seemed more like he was consoling them.

For a time, the gazes of most of the people present couldn't help but descend onto Duan Ling Tian and Su Li.

King Yong's words were to the point, and most of them agreed to it.

Of course, there were also people that didn't, and that was Long Yun!

At this moment, Long Yun had an unconvinced expression, and it was as if he was not convinced because King Yong didn't mention him.

Duan Ling Tian and Su Li couldn't help but look at each other when they heard King Yong.

"Duan Ling Tian, looks like King Yong doesn't look favorably upon us," said Su Li to Duan Ling Tian via voice transmission.

"Then we'll let our actions prove that his eyes are mistaken." Duan Ling Tian shrugged and replied with an indifferent expression.

"I have the exact same intention!" Su Li's face was filled with confidence.

"Let's go over there!" In next to no time, King Yong spoke, and he urged the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger to head towards the continuous mountain range west of the Capital.

The end of the continuous mountain range couldn't be seen.

After King Yong found a gorge as the place for the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger to rest, he instructed. "From today onwards, you will stay here... Once the Dynasty Martial Competition ends, I'll bring along the people who have been eliminated to come meet you before returning to the Darkstone Empire."

"Aowu~" The Three-Eyed Flame Tiger's body that was enormous like a mountain lay within the gorge as it nodded to King Yong.

At the same time, it didn't forget to glance at the yellow clothed young girl that stood nearby, and terror that came from the soul was contained deep within his eyes.

"Let's go!" After he made arrangements for the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger, King Yong and the two old men behind him brought Duan Ling Tian and the others along to head directly towards the Capital of Darkhan Dynasty.

The feeling when looking down at the Capital of Darkhan Dynasty from the sky was completely different from the feeling

when standing before the gate of the Capital and looking up at it.

"How magnificent!" Duan Ling Tian's heart shook as he looked at the city before him that was like an enormous beast.

The entire city emitted an aura that was ancient and filled with experience, and it seemed to be narrating how long in history it had existed.

"How long the Darkhan Dynasty has existed is something that is already impossible to find out." King Yong sighed. "Before our Darkstone Empire and the other Empires in the Darkhan Dynasty had been born, the Darkhan Dynasty had already existed."

"Such as the gold and silver we use normally are precisely from the Darkhan Dynasty... No matter how the ruler of an Empire, Imperial Kingdom, or Kingdom changed, so long as the Darkhan Dynasty still exists, then the gold and silver bills won't lose their worth." As he finished speaking, King Yong was filled with deep veneration.

A dignified existence at the Void Interpretation Stage couldn't refrain from arousing reverence from the heart when facing the history of the Darkhan Dynasty.

As the Capital of the Darkhan Dynasty, it was heavily guarded, and not everyone was able to casually enter the Capital.

At the gate to the Capital was two rows of armored guard

standing there, and they registered the people that entered and exited the Capital.

Chapter 595: Experts Everywhere

Not only was the gate to the Darkhan Dynasty's Capital heavily guarded, even the sky above the Capital had numerous guards that formed neat groups and flashed past.

These guard that were in the sky above the Capital looked fiercely at the horizon in all directions, and so long as they saw something off, they would charge forward.

Since these guards were able to fly in the air, they were undoubtedly existences at the Void Prying Stage or above, and it caused Duan Ling Tian to be extremely shocked.

"This is the hidden resources and reserves of a Dynasty... A group of guards that patrolled in the sky were all existences at the Void Prying Stage or above!" Duan Ling Tian sighed in his heart.

At this moment, he couldn't help but recall his hometown, the Crimson Sky Kingdom.

In the entire Crimson Sky Kingdom, there were only those few Void Prying Stage martial artists, whereas in the Darkhan Dynasty, it was all Void Prying Stage martial artists that guarded the gate and patrolled the skies.

It was completely like the difference between the sky and earth between the two of them.

"If the Darkhan Dynasty is compared to the busiest large city in the Earth of my previous life, then the Crimson Sky Kingdom is simple those remote villages that even a road couldn't be found in." This thought couldn't help but emerge in Duan Ling Tian's heart.

Presently, it wasn't only Duan Ling Tian that was shocked by the guards in the sky. Even Mo Xuan and the others couldn't help but have an expression of shock.

"So many Void Prying Stage martial artists are actually only the patrolling guards of the Darkhan Dynasty's Capital?" Zhong Nan's pupils constricted, and he was slightly astonished.

"No wonder they say that in the Darkhan Dynasty, Void Initiation Stage experts were numerous like stray dogs on the streets, and Void Prying Stage experts walked all over the place... I'd thought earlier that this was people exaggerating, yet now it would seem that these words were truly too appropriate." Gao Yu Hai put away the fan in his hand as he sighed with emotion.

Only Han Xue Nai, King Yong, Su Li, and Long Yun were the people present that were still able to maintain their composure.

Duan Ling Tian clearly noticed the composed expressions of the four of them.

He wasn't surprised by Han Xue Nai's composure, as she was from the Foreign Lands, after all.

He was similarly not surprised by King Yong, as the number one expert of the Darkstone Empire had surely come to the Darkhan Dynasty on many occasions.

Su Li and Long Yun had caused him to feel surprised.

"Su Li, could it be that you've come here before?" Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but ask Su Li via voice transmission.

"Yes." Su Li replied. "I came here with Master once... According to my knowledge, Long Yun ought to have come here with my Martial Uncle Saber."

Duan Ling Tian came to a sudden understanding, and he felt that their composure was understandable.

"King Yong." Meanwhile, Zhong Nan looked at King Yong, and he asked curiously. "Up until now, I haven't seen a single person enter the Darkhan Dynasty's Capital from the sky... Could it be that the Capital doesn't allow people to enter and leave from the sky?"

"Kind of." King Yong nodded.

"Kind of?" King Yong's words caused everyone including Duan Ling Tian to feel deeply bewildered.

King Yong continued. "The sky above the Darkhan Dynasty doesn't allow anyone aside from the members of the Imperial Family to enter and leave through it."

Duan Ling Tian and the others came to a sudden understanding.

As the power that ruled the Darkhan Dynasty, the Imperial Family undoubtedly implemented hegemony.

Of course, Duan Ling Tian was sure that if it was an expert that possessed the strength to look down upon the Darkhan Dynasty's Imperial Family, then the expert was similarly able to casually fly in and out through the Capital's sky.

When faced with an expert like that, the Darkhan Dynasty's Imperial Family would probably not dare say a word.

This world where the strong were respected was like this.

"Let's go!" Under King Yong's lead, Duan Ling Tian's group headed towards the gate of the Capital.

Duan Ling Tian's group carried out their registration under the lead of King Yong.

"Darkstone Empire's King Yong?" The guard that was in charge of registering Duan Ling Tian's group glanced at King Yong with slight surprise, and after he registered them, he passed 14 command tokens to King Yong.

Every one of them had one of these tokens, and it was used to

enter and leave the Capital.

After they registered themselves, in the next three years, they would only have to produce this command token to enter and leave the Capital, and there was no need to continue registering themselves.

Under King Yong's lead, Duan Ling Tian's group walked into the Capital, and what entered their eyes was numerous complicated large streets that caused Duan Ling Tian and the others to be unable to help themselves from being dazed by it.

As the Capital of the Darkhan Dynasty, it was bustling and prosperous.

Every single large street had carriages that formed dragons that flowed endlessly.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, when are we leaving? There's another two and a half months of time before the arranged date between you and the other possessors of the jade swords." Han Xue Nai's voice transmission entered into Duan Ling Tian's ears in a timely manner.

Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but laugh bitterly.

This young girl Xue Nai's interest to the Sword Monarch's Treasure seemed to be even greater than him.

Of course, he was able to perceive that Xue Nai entirely wanted to go join in the fun as she felt it was fun.

"We'll leave after we've settled down... It's alright like this, right?" Duan Ling Tian replied with slight helplessness.

Han Xue Nai's cheeky eyes flashed when she heard this, and she nodded in satisfaction.

"Let's first go have a meal, and then we'll stay in an estate than was purchased by our Darkstone Empire's Imperial Family," King Yong said to all of them.

All of them had no objections.

Duan Ling Tian and the others weren't surprised that the Darkstone Empire possessed an estate in the Capital.

Under the lead of King Yong, they casually found a restaurant and had a meal.

After that, Duan Ling Tian's group followed behind King Yong to arrive at the estate.

The estate was extremely large, and it was divided into the front courtyard and rear courtyard.

"There are 108 independent small courtyards at the rear

courtyard... During this period of time, all of you can stay in the east courtyard of the rear courtyard. There are 20 independent little courtyards in the east courtyard." King Yong brought Duan Ling Tian and the others to the rear courtyard before instructing, and then he brought the two old men behind him and left.

Duan Ling Tian and the others started to distribute the small courtyards in the east courtyard.

But no one entered any of the small courtyards first.

Besides Duan Ling Tian, the others had slight fear in their eyes as they looked at the yellow clothed young girl that followed by Duan Ling Tian's side.

When he saw this scene, how could Duan Ling Tian not know what the others were thinking, and he looked at Han Xue Nai and said, "Xue Nai, you choose first."

"Big Brother Ling Tian, I'll stay at a courtyard beside yours... Those two courtyards look good and are close together. How about we stay there?" Han Xue Nai's gaze descended onto the two small courtyards in the distance that were connected together.

These two small courtyards were situated at a corner of the east courtyard, and both sides of them were planted fully with plants and flowers, causing them to seem extremely peaceful and quiet.

"I don't mind." Duan Ling Tian shrugged.

As far as he was concerned, even if they chose these small courtyards, he would probably be unable to stay for a few days.

He was soon to leave with Han Xue Nai to head towards the Pheasant Ridge of Eastern Mulberry Empire to gather with the other possessors of the jade swords.

At that time, they would enter the Sword Monarch's Treasure.

When they came out, quite a long time would have surely passed.

"I only hope that I can rush back before the Dynasty Martial Competition begins." Actually, Duan Ling Tian didn't have the slightest confidence towards if he was able to return before the Dynasty Martial Competition started.

After all, everything within the Sword Monarch's Treasure was something unknown to him.

Of course, he could choose to not go to the Sword Monarch's Treasure at this time.

But in this way, he wouldn't have any confidence in being able to become eminent in the Dynasty Martial Competition and the qualification to participate in the Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties.

Just like King Yong had said earlier, there were many young geniuses in the Darkhan Dynasty that possessed a strength that was not inferior to Mo Xuan.

If he didn't have any special fortuitous encounter before the martial competition, then he wouldn't have any confidence to become eminent and seize the qualification to participate in the Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties.

Even though his natural talent had attained the limit from consuming the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk, his age was far inferior from those young geniuses that were almost 40 years of age.

He'd taken a great loss in age, and he could only make up with fortuitous encounters.

To him, no matter if it was the Sword Monarch's Treasure or the Rebirth Pill, they could be considered to be fortuitous encounters.

Presently, he was creating fortuitous encounters for himself!

He had no knowledge of what could be obtained in the Sword Monarch's Treasure, and he was only betting on his luck, whereas, he was able to anticipate the benefit the Rebirth Pill brought to him, but he hadn't found the last medicinal material, Ageless Root, yet.

So Duan Ling Tian had placed his hopes on the Sword Monarch's Treasure.

"I only hope that the Sword Monarch's Treasure doesn't disappoint me." Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Along with Duan Ling Tian and Han Xue Nai entering their own small courtyards, Su Li and the others started choosing the small courtyard that belonged to themselves before moving into them.

Normally, there would be people to send food over, so everyone practically stayed in the room in their small courtyard, silently cultivating and didn't leave.

On the third day, Duan Ling Tian and Han Xue Nai went to look for King Yong together and Duan Ling Tian went straight to the point. "King Yong, I intend to leave the Capital for a period of time."

"You must rush back before the martial competition begins." When he saw Han Xue Nai by Duan Ling Tian's side, King Yong didn't ask any further and directly agreed.

"Alright." Duan Ling Tian replied before leaving the estate with Han Xue Nai.

"Hiss hiss~" Meanwhile, the two little pythons stuck their heads out from Duan Ling Tian's sleeve, and their eyes contained slight excitement mixed within.

They knew the objective of Duan Ling Tian's trip this time, and

they were similarly filled with interest towards the Sword Monarch's Treasure.

The two people and two pythons left the Capital.

"Xue Nai, shouldn't we find a demon beast to carry us?" Duan Ling Tian looked at Han Xue Nai and asked.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, you're so stupid... We don't need to find another demon beast." Han Xue Nai shook her head, and then she led the way towards the western mountain range.

Duan Ling Tian seemed to have realized something, and his eyes revealed a trace of a strange sheen. "I forget that Three-Eyed Flame Tiger might disregard me, but he would listen to every order of Xue Nai's."

In the gorge at the continuous mountain range, the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger lay there and was intending to take a nap.

Flying all the way here had caused it to be exhausted since long ago.

Especially when it thought of how it could stay away from that little devil, his mood was extremely good.

Whoosh!

Suddenly, a fierce beast entered the gorge by mistake.

The Three-Eyed Flame Tiger roared with a low voice, and a terrifying suction force swept out before he swallowed that fierce beast into his stomach.

After he burped, the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger closed its eyes in satisfaction. "I can finally have a nice nap..."

Right at this moment.

"Big Guy!" A voice that was moving like the voice of an oriole cause the body of the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger that was enormous like a mountain to tremble.

For a time, the entire gorge started to shake along with the intense trembling of his body.

Chapter 596: Possessing Treasure Brings Calamity

The Three-Eyed Flame Tiger was unable to care about the gorge being shaken to the point it quaked, he raised his head to look up into the sky, and his pair of eyes that were like gongs sprung fully open into two circles as he looked at the yellow colored figure that slowly descended.

Why has this Lady returned?

My life is over!

The Three-Eyed Flame Tiger shouted in his heart.

"Big Guy, I never expected that you miss me so much, you're actually so excited from seeing me." The yellow clothed young girl descended from the air to stand on the spacious back of the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger, and her cheeky eyes flashed with slyness as she lightly smiled.

Instantly, the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger's body stiffened, and it didn't dare tremble in the slightest any longer.

He didn't want to infuriate this Lady.

If this Lady were to be unhappy and condensed ice with her Ice Concept to seal him up, then he would really not know what to do.

From the beginning until the end, the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger never took a single glance at Duan Ling Tian who followed behind.

"This big fellow is completely afraid of Xue Nai now." Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but sigh with emotion.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, come over quickly." Han Xue Nai stood on the back of the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger as she called out to Duan Ling Tian.

Swish! Swish!

Duan Ling Tian was in midair when a black and a white bolt of lightning flashed out from beneath his sleeve, and they descended onto the back of the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger first.

It was precisely the two little pythons.

"What swift speed these two little fellows possess." Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but sigh when he saw the scene before him.

In the past, the cultivation of the two little fellows had surpassed him.

Now, many years had passed since then, and he'd obtained fortuitous encounters again and again, yet he was still unable to catch up to these two little fellows.

"I hope I can surpass these two little fellows in one go after I come out from the Sword Monarch's Treasure vault this time." Duan Ling Tian silently thought in his heart.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian descended onto the back of the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger as well.

"Big Guy, let's go! We're returning to the Darkstone Empire." Han Xue Nai raised her leg and lightly stomped, shocking the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger to the point it shuddered, and then the gorge shook once more. At the same time, it flew up into the air and entered high above in the clouds.

Subsequently, it carried Duan Ling Tian and Han Xue Nai to head all the way to the Darkstone Empire.

On the way, Duan Ling Tian sat cross-legged and cultivated silently.

Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique, Lightning Wurm Form!

A month of time passed by extremely swiftly.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian had completely exhausted the medicinal strength of the Void Fuse Fruit, and his cultivation approached the bottle neck at the end of the ninth level of the Void Prying Stage, the final bottleneck of the Void Prying Stage.

So long as Duan Ling Tian comprehended a type of concept and broke through this bottleneck, then he'd be able to officially break through to the Void Initiation Stage and his cultivation would undergo a tremendous change.

"My cultivation will step into the final bottleneck of the Void Prying Stage in at most one month of time... At that time, what I have to do is comprehend Wind Concept or Lightning Concept to step into the Void Initiation Stage in one go!" Duan Ling Tian's eyes flashed as he thought in his heart.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, we've arrived at the Darkstone Empire." Meanwhile, Han Xue Nai's voice that was like an oriole sounded out.

"Xue Nai." Duan Ling Tian suddenly recalled something. "Ask this big fellow to head towards the eastern part of Darkstone Empire... I want to go take back something."

"Big Brother Ling Tian, what do you want to take?" Xue Nai asked curiously.

"I don't know yet." Duan Ling Tian shook his head.

When she heard Duan Ling Tian's words, Han Xue Nai was even more curious, and she instructed to the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger to head towards the east of Darkstone Empire.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, where do you want to go?" Han Xue Nai

couldn't help but ask.

"Flourishing Summer City." Duan Ling Tian spoke slowly.

"Flourishing Summer City was precisely the city in the Darkstone Empire that Duan Ling Tian had gone to before he headed to the Darkhan Dynasty for the first time during the period before the Young Genius Competition began.

He'd issued a reward assignment in the Flourishing Summer City's Treasure Gathering Pavilion.

Rewarding a grade four spirit sword for the Ageless Root.

At that time, after his reward failed to bear fruit in the Darkhan Dynasty's Milky Way City, he didn't rush to go take back the grade four spirit sword in Flourishing Summer City when he returned.

He'd always been thinking that perhaps during this period of time, there would be someone who was able to locate the Ageless Root.

"I wonder if someone has located the Ageless Root now...? If there isn't, then I'm afraid there's no hope in the Darkstone Empire." Duan Ling Tian thought in his heart.

Meanwhile, he hoped so much that when he arrived at the Flourishing Summer City's Treasure Gathering Pavilion, what he took back wasn't a grade four spirit sword but the Ageless Root.

If he was able to obtain the Ageless Root, then not to mention a single grade four spirit sword, even if it was ten grade four spirit swords, Duan Ling Tian would still pay without the slightest hesitation.

The Three-Eyed Flame Tiger's speed was extremely swift, and they arrived nearby Flourishing Summer City before long.

"Big fellow, wait here for me and Xue Nai." Duan Ling Tian looked at the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger and spoke.

The Three-Eyed Flame Tiger raised its head proudly and utterly disregarded Duan Ling Tian.

"Big guy, do you want to become a popsicle again?" Right at this moment, Xue Nai's voice that was like the sound of a devil caused the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger's body to be unable to refrain from trembling, and its enormous head started swaying.

"Since you don't want to, then do whatever my Big Brother Ling Tian asks you to in the future... Did you hear me?" Xue Nai continued.

Meanwhile, the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger could only grievously nod its enormous head, yet didn't dare be displeased in the slightest.

Duan Ling Tian shook his head and smiled, then he brought

along Han Xue Nai and the two little pythons to fly down and enter Flourishing Summer City before heading towards the Treasure Gathering Pavilion.

"Hey, what a beautiful little girl... Little girl, don't follow this pretty boy anymore in the future, follow this Lord instead. I guarantee you'll have a very good life." Suddenly, a frivolous voice sounded out.

At the side of the roar, a bald man that was covered in alcohol flew out to pounce towards Han Xue Nai, and his face was filled with a smile of lust.

"You're courting death!" Duan Ling Tian's face sank and he was about to make a move.

Swish!

Yet right at this moment, a piercing howl sounded out, and then saw a black bolt of lightning flash by.

Subsequently, the bald man was still halfway over when his chest suddenly exploded open, and it ceaselessly sprayed dazzling and beautiful fresh blood.

The bald man's pupils constricted, then his legs split open before directly falling onto the ground, and he was completely devoid of any signs of life.

Dead!

Swish!

The black bolt of lightning appeared once again, and it descended onto Han Xue Nai's shoulder this time to reveal its figure.

It was precisely the little black python.

"Hiss hiss~" The little black python complacently shook his head, and he flicked his tongue as he looked at Han Xue Nai as if he was seeking credit.

"Little Black is so good." Han Xue Nai wasn't surprised in the slightest by the little black python swiftly killing the bald man, and her face was covered with tender affection as she lightly rubbed the little black python's small head.

Meanwhile, the surrounding people like with terrified expression at this pair of girl and snake, and all of them kept a good distance away, as they were deeply afraid of offending this pair of maleficent existences.

Duan Ling Tian glanced indifferently at the bald man's corpse before raising his head and continuing forward.

Although the Flourishing Summer City was chaotic as always, because of the bald man's death, Duan Ling Tian and Han Xue Nai had become existences that no one dared to offend easily.

They moved smoothly all along away to arrive at the Treasure Gathering Pavilion.

After walking into the pavilion and ascending the second floor, Duan Ling Tian withdrew the jade ornament half before the same counter and passed it to the middle aged man behind the counter. "I offered a grade four spirit sword as a reward for the Ageless Root, was it successful?"

The middle aged man was the same person from that day, he returned to his senses when he heard Duan Ling Tian, and only now did he recognize Duan Ling Tian. "Guest, the thing you're looking for hasn't been obtained yet... Will you continue keeping up the reward, or will you withdraw the reward item?"

"I'll withdraw it," said Duan Ling Tian.

He currently held no hope towards finding the Ageless Root in the Darkstone Empire.

"Alright." The middle aged man withdrew an exquisite long box from beneath the counter, and after he opened it, a spirit sword silently lay within...

It was exactly the grade four spirit sword Duan Ling Tian placed here that day!

The middle aged man combined the half jade ornament that

Duan Ling Tian passed over with the other half within the box before nodding. "It's correct. Guest, this is the item you place as a reward." As he spoke, the middle aged man withdrew the spirit sword and passed it to Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian received the spirit sword and directly put it away into his Spatial Ring.

"Guest, aren't you going to check it?" The middle aged man couldn't help but be stunned when he saw Duan Ling Tian's movements that were so direct.

Wasn't this young man afraid that spirit sword isn't the grade four spirit sword from before?

After all, the outward appearance of a spirit sword was copied extremely easily.

"There's no need!" Duan Ling Tian shook his head before turning around and leaving with Han Xue Nai.

What a joke!

Not to mention his Spiritual Force was sufficient to directly detect the grade of the spirit sword, even if he didn't use his Spiritual Force today, he'd already confirmed it at the instant his hand touched the spirit sword.

The spirit sword from before was indeed the grade four spirit

sword he'd casually refined that day.

After he left the Treasure Gathering Pavilion, Duan Ling Tian and Han Xue Nai had a meal together before leaving Flourishing Summer City.

They'd only just exited the city gate when Han Xue Nai said to Duan Ling Tian via voice transmission, "Big Brother Ling Tian, someone is following us..."

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

He's noticed since long ago that since the moment they left the Treasure Gathering Pavilion, there was a person that was following him and Han Xue Nai from the shadows.

That person's cultivation was rather high, and it was an existence at the Void Initiation Stage.

"Possessing treasures brings calamity... These words aren't wrong in the slightest." Duan Ling Tian sighed.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, what you mean is that person has come for the grade four spirit sword you just took from the Treasure Gathering Pavilion?" Han Xue Nai asked.

"There's only this possibility." Duan Ling Tian nodded as his eyes flashed. "Moreover, the person's identity ought to be not simple, and it's even to the extent that he's possibly the Pavilion Master of

the Treasure Gathering Pavilion!"

An existence at the eighth level of the Void Initiation Stage.

Within the entire Flourishing Summer City, Duan Ling Tian could only connect this person together with the Pavilion Master of the Treasure Gathering Pavilion.

As for other people, it would probably be impossible for them to have such a cultivation.

Duan Ling Tian and Han Xue Nai had only just exited the city gate for a short period of time.

Whoosh!

A piercingly cold howl of the wind swept over and in the blink of an eye, it had appeared not far ahead from Duan Ling Tian and Han Xue Nai.

An aged figure appeared before the eyes of Duan Ling Tian and Han Xue Nai.

This was an old man with a strong body and a goatee, and his eyes flickered with a sheen of greed.

"Pavilion Master of the Treasure Gathering Pavilion?" Although Duan Ling Tian had already guessed it, he still wanted to confirm it

by asking.

"You're really smart to actually be able to guess my identity." The old man with a goatee glanced deeply at Duan Ling Tian. "But smart people normally don't live long."

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"Is that so?" Duan Ling Tian didn't get angry and instead started laughing when he heard the old man.

When he saw the killing intent in the old man's eyes risings ceaselessly, Duan Ling Tian said, "The Treasure Gathering Pavilion is an extremely reputable business in the area of the Darkhan Dynasty at any rate, yet I never imagine that such scum like you would come from it... The reputation of the Treasure Gathering Pavilion will sooner or later be spoilt by scum like you."

"Haha..." The old man suddenly laughed loudly, and he spoke with a savage expression. "So long as I kill you, who will know that it was done by me? Who will know that your death was related to the Treasure Gathering Pavilion?"

"Kid, if you want to blame someone, then blame yourself for not knowing the rule of not revealing your wealth... A grade four spirit weapon isn't something you're worthy of possessing!" As he finished speaking, the old man had a lecturing tone.

"I'm not worth of possessing it? Then could it be that you are?" Duan Ling Tian glanced indifferently at the old man, and then he said with a ridiculing smile, "Do you really think that everything at this moment is in your control?"

The old man's expression went slightly grim when he saw Duan Ling Tian being so composed, and he looked around in the surroundings.

After he noticed there was no movement in the surroundings, the old man sneered. "Kid, stop trying to deceive me! You, the little girl by your side, and those two snake type demon beasts all have to die today."

Obviously, the old man had been watching Duan Ling Tian and Han Xue Nai all the way to the Treasure Gathering Pavilion, and he even knew of the existence of the two little pythons.

"That would depend on if you have the ability." Duan Ling Tian glanced indifferently at the old man, and then he looked at Han Xue Nai who stood at the side. "Xue Nai, I'll leave this old fellow to you."

"Don't worry, Big Brother Ling Tian." Xue Nai nodded, and then she looked at the old man as her voice that was moving like the voice of an oriole was filled with slight icy coldness. "I'm annoyed the most by old things like you that act indecently!"

"Little girl, you're courting death!" The old man burst into rage when he heard Han Xue Nai, and the Origin Energy on his body roiled as he suddenly took a stride forward with intent to launch an attack.

In the sky above him, the energy of heaven and earth started to roil before numerous ancient horned dragon silhouettes started to condense into form.

But unfortunately for him, in the next moment, all of this was

destroyed and transformed into nothingness.

Whoosh!

Waves of piercingly cold winds blew past, and the old man maintained his action of taking a stride forward, yet his body was stiff on the spot.

On the surroundings of his body was a layer of thick ice that enveloped him within and completely sealed him in ice.

For a time, the old man had transformed into an ice sculpture.

It could be vaguely seen that only terror remained now within the old man's eyes that flickered with bright lights...

Terror that came from the heart and soul!

"This old fellow can be considered to be unfortunate for encountering Xue Nai." Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

But Duan Ling Tian's heart was still filled with shock.

Earlier, his gaze had never left Han Xue Nai as he wanted to discern Han Xue Nai's exact cultivation...

But unfortunately, he hadn't even had the time to clearly see how

many ancient horned dragon silhouettes had appeared in the sky when they'd already transformed into nothingness, whereas, the old man was already sealed in ice as well.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, I'll go look for the big guy first... I'll leave him to you." Han Xue Nai gave Duan Ling Tian a brilliant smile before soaring up into the sky and vanishing high above in the sky.

Duan Ling Tian shook his head and laughed helplessly.

He was able to discern that Xue Nai couldn't be bothered to kill this old fellow.

"Being lazy to this extent can be considered to be a level already." Duan Ling Tian sighed in his heart.

After he returned to his sense, Duan Ling Tian's gaze descended onto the ice sculpture before him, and he walked over step by step.

Duan Ling Tian's gaze looked the eyes of the old man that had constricted slightly.

At this moment, the old man's Origin Energy had been suppressed, and he was utterly unable to communicate with Duan Ling Tian via voice transmission.

The only thing he could do was use a begging gaze to beg for mercy from Duan Ling Tian.

"I just wanted to tell you that smart people don't always have short lives." Duan Ling Tian arrived before the ice sculpture and gave the old man within the ice a brilliant and bright smile.

Whoosh!

In the next moment, Duan Ling Tian raised his hand and lightly struck it down towards the old man that was sealed in the ice.

Slap!

Duan Ling Tian's hand casually slapped down, and instantly, the ice sculpture shattered into pieces, whereas the old man within shattered with a bang along with the ice sculpture.

Bang!

The ice sculpture shattered into a pile of ice that fell beneath Duan Ling Tian's feet.

Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but sigh with emotion when he saw the shattered ice that covered the ground, yet didn't taint the ground with the slightest trace of fresh blood. "I heard of a saying a long time ago — Killing is a form of art as well."

"Today, I can be considered to have experienced it." Duan Ling Tian found the old man's Spatial Ring from within the shattered

ice. "Fortunately, it isn't damaged..."

Duan Ling Tian placed the shattered ice that contained the Spatial Ring sealed within on his palm before his grade four Pill Fire lit ablaze!

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian was dumbstruck.

Because he noticed that the shattered ice and even the Spatial Ring within it were melted by his Pill Fire...

The Spatial Ring had obviously become a part of the shattered ice.

"Isn't Xue Nai's Ice Concept too overbearing? If I knew earlier, I'd have passed this piece of shattered ice to her and asked her to help withdraw the Spatial Ring within... Yet now the Spatial Ring has melted with the shattered ice." Duan Ling Tian felt a wave of aching in his heart.

This Spatial Ring was the possession of the Pavilion Master of the Flourishing Summer City's Treasure Gathering Pavilion, and there were surely many good things within it.

But now, along with the Spatial Ring vanishing, the things within were all gone.

As he sighed, Duan Ling Tian soared up into the sky and returned to the back of the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger.

As he looked at the harmless little girl that sat at the side while teasing the two little pythons, a wave of coldness arose in his heart for no reason.

"Big fellow, head to the Imperial City of Eastern Mulberry Empire." Duan Ling Tian instructed the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger.

This time, the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger didn't dare hesitate, and he nodded obediently before flying towards the east.

As the Empire Guarding Demon Beast of the Darkstone Empire, he naturally knew the location of the Eastern Mulberry Empire that was neighboring the Darkstone Empire.

Duan Ling Tian on the other hand had instead sat down cross-legged, yet he didn't cultivate but was instead searching through the memories of the Rebirth Martial Emperor...

"Ice Concept!" Now, Duan Ling Tian was trying to understand the Ice Concept from the memories of the Rebirth Martial Emperor.

Along with the passage of time, Duan Ling Tian obtained a certain level of understanding towards the Ice Concept.

Besides the energy contained within it, the Ice Concept's exclusive property of freezing was extremely overbearing as well.

For example, the method Han Xue Nai used her Ice Concept to freeze the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger and the old man from before into popsicles was precisely the exclusive property of freezing that the Ice Concept possessed!

A martial artist that had comprehended Ice Concept only needed power the Ice Concept with Origin Energy to be able to freeze people and demon beasts.

Of course, they were only able to freeze existences with cultivations lower than themselves.

If it was an existence with a similar cultivation, or even an existence that possessed a higher cultivation, then even if they froze the existence, the existence would be able to easily struggle free, whereas once a person that had a lower cultivation was frozen, only an existence with a cultivation similar or higher than the possessor of the Ice Concept was able to unfreeze the person.

If a person with lower cultivation than the possessor of the Ice Concept was to rashly make a move, it would only cause the death of the person or demon beast that was frozen.

"Looks like Xue Nai's cultivation is even higher than King Yong! At that time, King Yong didn't dare rashly unfreeze the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger." After he found out about all this, Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but sigh, and he attained a deep understanding of the Ice Concept.

The Ice Concept belonged to a variant form of a Natural Concept.

Not only was it overbearing, it was also easily able to fight against a large number of enemies.

Of course, it was only able to go against a large number of existences that possessed cultivations lower than the possessor of the Ice Concept.

"If it was an ordinary Void Interpretation Stage martial artist, then when jointly sieged by hundreds and thousands of ninth level Void Prying Stage martial artists and demon beasts, then even if the martial artist doesn't die, he'd suffer extremely heavy injuries! Whereas if it was a Void Interpretation Stage martial artist that had comprehended Ice Concept like Han Xue Nai, the martial artist would be able to easily seal the hundreds and thousands of Void Initiation Stage demon beasts and people in ice!"

Duan Ling Tian's gaze suddenly became dreamy as the scene of Han Xue Nai going against over a thousand ninth level Void Prying Stage experts appeared in his mind.

Her yellow clothes fluttered as a group of people that sieged her were transformed into ice sculptures with a raise of her hand.

Amongst the ice sculptures that one couldn't see the end of, a yellow clothed young girl stood there like a giant amongst dwarves.

"According to the memories of the Rebirth Martial Emperor, even he who'd experiences two lifetimes and seen countless experts had only met not more than 10 experts that had

comprehended Ice Concept." Duan Ling Tian realized from this that martial artists that had comprehended Ice Concept were few and rare.

After coming back to his senses, Duan Ling Tian let out a breath of air before standing up on the back of the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger and starting to cultivate his Tempest Point.

The piercingly cold strong winds that assault his face caused Duan Ling Tian to gradually merge into the wind, and it was as if he was an infant that had returned to the embrace of his mother.

This feeling was extremely warm.

Wind Force!

Advanced Wind Force!

Presently, Duan Ling Tian had comprehended Advanced Wind Force, and if he wanted to advance a step further, then it was to comprehend Wind Concept.

Even if it was the lowest level of Wind Concept, the first level Wind Concept, the strength contained within it was far from something Advanced Wind Force could compare to.

Advanced Wind Force contained the strength of 2,000 ancient mammoths, whereas, first level Wind Concept instead contained the strength of 10,000 ancient mammoths, or in other words, the

strength of an ancient horned dragon.

Duan Ling Tian merged into the wind. At the beginning, he was still cultivating Tempest Force, yet he'd gradually started to execute Whirlwind, and his figure completely merged into the wind and moved along with the wind.

The Whirlwind that was at the Perfection Stage was executed to the limit by Duan Ling Tian.

Fortunately, the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger's back was sufficiently vast, otherwise, it would utterly be impossible for Duan Ling Tian to execute Whirlwind without restraint.

Time flew by.

Half a month later, the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger's figure stopped in midair.

"I'm still slightly lacking." Along with the vanishing of the wind that assaulted his face, Duan Ling Tian's figure appeared once more, and he sighed.

Presently, he'd already touched the threshold to Wind Concept, and he only lacked a turning point that would allow him to comprehend the first level Wind Concept.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, we've arrived at the Eastern Mulberry Empire... There's still another month from the time you agreed

upon with that owner of the jade sword. Do you have any plans?" Han Xue Nai's voice entered into Duan Ling Tian's ears in a timely manner.

Duan Ling Tian's eyes flashed as he looked down at the vast city below, and then he said with a light smile, "Let's go around this Eastern Mulberry Empire's Imperial City during this month... We'll head to Pheasant Ridge after a month!"

Han Xue Nai had no objections towards Duan Ling Tian's suggestion.

"Big guy, you go to Pheasant Ridge and wait for us first... In the future, remember to come as soon as you're called! Otherwise... You understand." Han Xue Nai glanced at the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger with deep meaning in her eyes, and it caused the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger to be unable to refrain from shuddering.

Chapter 598: The Sixth Form, Earth Dragon Form

After the Three-Eyed Flame Tiger left, Duan Ling Tian and Han Xue Nai entered the Imperial City of Eastern Mulberry Empire together.

After all, it was an Imperial City of an Empire and the area it occupied was equivalent to the Darkstone Empire's Imperial City.

After Duan Ling Tian and Han Xue Nai entered the city, they casually found a restaurant to eat.

"Hiss hiss~" The tongues of the two little pythons flicked out like bolts of lightning as they seized the food on the table before Duan Ling Tian and Han Xue Nai, and it caused the two of them to be unable to refrain from shaking their heads.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, were Little Black and Little White always so gluttonous?" Han Xue Nai looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked with a smile.

"More or less." Duan Ling Tian nodded, and then he called over the attendant to order another two tables of dishes for the two little pythons to eat by themselves.

"Hiss hiss~" Instantly, the two little pythons become excited.

"Thank you, Big Brother."

"Thank you, Big Brother."

At practically the same moment, the voice of a young boy and young girl entered into Duan Ling Tian's ears via voice transmission, and they were filled with delight.

It was precisely the voices of the two little pythons.

At the same time that Duan Ling Tian's face revealed a smile from seeing the two little pythons eating happily, his eyes revealed slight worry.

This scene just happened to be captured by Han Xue Nai.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, what're you thinking about?" Han Xue Nai asked. "You seem to be worried about something..."

Duan Ling Tian sighed and slowly spoke of the matter of the little gold mouse without concealing anything.

Actually, there was no need to conceal anything.

"Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse?" Han Xue Nai was surprised. "Big Brother Ling Tian, there was actually another Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse by your side? How did you encounter it? This Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse is the descendant of a Saint Beast, and in terms of

natural talent and potential, it isn't inferior to the current Little Black and Little White!"

"I bid for her during an auction," said Duan Ling Tian.

Auction?

Han Xue Nai's gaze become weird.

Bid for a Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse from an auction?

Who was so wasteful to the point of selling a Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse in an auction?

Even if it was in the Foreign Lands, a Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse was an extremely rare existence, and whenever an infant Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse appeared, it would practically cause a slaughter.

There would utterly be no one that was so wasteful of god's give gifts to the point of selling a Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse in an auction.

"That person thought Little Gold was only an ordinary Goldfur Mouse." Duan Ling Tian perceived Han Xue Nai's bewilderment and he explained.

Han Xue Nai came to a sudden understanding, and at the same

time, she consoled Duan Ling Tian. "Big Brother Ling Tian, don't worry... Little Gold will be fine. As a mouse type demon beast, the Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse's intelligence far exceeds ordinary demon beasts."

"I hope so." Duan Ling Tian nodded, yet the worry in his eyes didn't reduce in the slightest.

After they finished eating, Duan Ling Tian brought Han Xue Nai and the two little pythons along to find an inn to stay temporarily.

Normally, besides cultivating, he would take a stroll all around the Imperial City with Han Xue Nai.

In the blink of an eye, 20 days had passed.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

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In the sky above the Imperial City, a figure was like a bolt of lightning that ceaselessly flashed about.

Swift like the find, fast like lightning!

Suddenly, a wave of ear piercing howls of the wind sounded out.

In the sky, the 2,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes that flashed in the sky along with the figure that was like a bolt of lightning suddenly trembled before instantly dispersing.

Meanwhile, the speed of the figure that moved along with the wind instantly increased a few times!

In the sky, after the 2,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes dispersed, an enormous silhouette spiraled down, brandishing its claws and baring its fangs...

It was precisely an ancient horned dragon silhouette!

"First level Wind Concept! I've finally comprehended it." Meanwhile, the swiftly flashing figure stopped, and it revealed its true form.

A handsome young man with starry eyes and sword shaped brows.

The young man wore violet clothes that fluttered in the wind, and at the same time that he muttered to himself, his figure lowered down to actually sit cross-legged in the sky before closing his eyes like an old monk in meditation.

After a short moment, a vast Origin Energy instantly swept out from the then young man's body.

For a time, the surrounding mist and clouds were all swept away.

Meanwhile, the young man slowly opened his eyes.

"I've finally broken through!" The young man's eyes were like a dazzling array of stars, and a wisp of a dense smile appeared on the corners of his mouth.

Whoosh!

Along with a command in the young man's heart, his gaze lightly raised as Origin Energy that were like flames arose on his body.

At the same time, two ancient horned dragon silhouettes condensed into form in the sky above him, and then they spiraled down and ceaselessly danced about.

"First level of the Void Initiation Stage!" The violet clothed young man was precisely Duan Ling Tian.

After many days, he'd finally comprehended first level Wind Concept, moreover, his cultivation that had been advanced to the peak of the ninth level of the Void Prying Stage had broken through to the Void Initiation Stage in one go.

"Wind Concept..." Duan Ling Tian muttered as his figure flashed to merge with the wind.

At this moment, he felt as if he'd merged into one with the wind

in the heavens and the earth, and they weren't separate beings anymore.

"This is Wind Concept? How miraculous." Duan Ling Tian could clearly feel that at this moment, when he utilized the energy of the Wind Concept, it was as if he was drawing assistance from the energy of all the wind in nature.

He moved like a shadow!

Presently, Duan Ling Tian utilized his movement technique as if he was controlling his limbs.

"Tempest Point!" With a raise of his hand, Duan Ling Tian pointed out with his finger.

Swish!

Instantly, his Origin Energy point force whistled out along with first level Wind Concept and Advanced Lightning Force as it shot towards high above in the sky and vanished behind the clouds and mist.

In the sky above Duan Ling Tian, three ancient horned dragon silhouettes were surrounded by 2,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes like a myriad of stars surrounding the moon.

"If I utilize a spirit weapon, my strength would be even stronger!" Duan Ling Tian stopped moving once again, and a satisfied smile

appeared on his face.

First level Wind Concept.

Void Initiation Stage cultivation.

This was his current strength.

"Besides that, I've broken through to the Void Initiation Stage and am already able to officially start cultivating the sixth form of the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique, the Earth Dragon Form!" Duan Ling Tian's eyes flashed, and his mind was completely immersed in the memories of the Rebirth Martial Emperor that were related to the sixth form of the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique, the Earth Dragon Form.

The Earth Dragon Form wasn't only the mental cultivation method for the sixth form of the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique, it even carried a high grade Earth Rank defense martial skill with it, the Earth Dragon's Barrier!

"The fourth form of the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique, the Wind Wyrms Form, helped me to comprehend Wind Force... The fifth form, the Lightning Wyrms Form, helped me to comprehend Lightning Force... The sixth form, the Earth Dragon Form will assist me to comprehend Earth Force!

"Besides that, the Earth Dragon Form carries along a high grade Earth Rank defensive martial skill, the Earth Dragon's Barrier! The

Earth Dragon's Barrier will be the first defensive martial skill I'm cultivating after the Earth Dragon's Shield, and its able to combine with the Earth Force and Earth Concept to possess extraordinary defensive ability." The smile on Duan Ling Tian's face became more and more brilliant.

He understood that since the instant his cultivation stepped into the Void Initiation Stage, his strength had already undergone a tremendous change.

"Earth Force...." Duan Ling Tian's figure flashed out, stepping on the sky like a swimming dragon to descend onto the boundless ground outside the Eastern Mulberry Empire.

Bang!

Duan Ling Tian's descended onto the ground, and his figure followed along with the momentum to lay down, and then the Origin Energy on his body raged to ceaselessly fuse into the ground.

This was the best method to comprehend Earth Force that was recorded into the Earth Dragon Form, and it was also the method the Rebirth Martial Emperor discovered all those years ago.

It was because that the Rebirth Martial Emperor had lain on the boundless ground for three days and three nights that he was able to comprehend Earth Force...

Duan Ling Tian's Origin Energy ceaselessly gushed out to become the axis between him and the earth, forcefully connecting him and the earth.

A day passed and Duan Ling Tian didn't have any feeling.

Two days passed, and he still felt nothing.

"During Rebirth Martial Emperor's first lifetime, he'd lay down just like me and comprehended Earth Force after three days and nights... Whereas I still haven't sensed even a trace of Earth Force until now, and I haven't even sensed a Force Seed." Duan Ling Tian was slightly helpless.

Just like this, the third day passed as well, whereas Duan Ling Tian had finally sensed a trace of Earth Force and had comprehended an Earth Force seed.

On the fifth day, Duan Ling Tian's Origin Energy still tirelessly fused into the ground and became more and more intimate with the earth.

"As I lie on this boundless earth, my restless heart seems to have calmed down... Before this boundless earth, everything seemed to be not worth mentioning." Gradually, Duan Ling Tian understood the ground more and more.

At this moment, he lay on the ground as if he was laying in the embrace of his mother...

Night descended, and strands of dense earthen yellow aura finally arose on Duan Ling Tian's body.

"I've finally comprehended Elementary Earth Force!" Duan Ling Tian's face revealed a brilliant smile. At the same time, he sat up and the Origin Energy on his body pulsed before transforming into numerous strands of dragon shaped Origin Energy that coiled around his body.

Within these numerous strands of dragon shaped Origin Energy, strands of earthen yellow energy gradually leaped up and fuse within it.

Innumerable strands of dragon shaped Origin Energy combined with the earthen yellow colored energy in the end to transform into a defensive qi barrier that twined around Duan Ling Tian's body.

If one were to look carefully, one would be able to see that within this layer of defensive qi barrier was numerous earthen yellow energy that condensed into numerous dragon shaped energies, and they ceaselessly flowed and flashed within the defensive qi barrier.

"I've comprehended Elementary Earth Force, and this high grade Earth Rank defensive martial skill, Earth Dragon's Barrier, can be considered to have stepped into the Initial Stage!

"But, this stage of Earth Dragon's Barrier is only effective in withstanding attacks from martial artists at the seventh level of

the Void Prying Stage or below... Only after I comprehend Half-step Advanced Earth Force and allow the Earth Dragon's Barrier to step into the Master Stage would it be of help to me now." This was something that Duan Ling Tian was extremely clear about.

A defensive martial skill wasn't all powerful, and it possessed numerous restrictions.

"Presently, only three more days remain before the agreed upon time of meeting with the possessors of the other jade swords... I ought to return already." Duan Ling Tian thought in his heart before soaring into the sky and returning to the Imperial City of Eastern Mulberry Empire.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, you... You've broken through?" Duan Ling Tian had just returned to the inn and had just seen Han Xue Nai when the changes that occurred on him were seen through by her.

Duan Ling Tian wasn't surprised that his cultivation was seen through by Han Xue Nai, and he lightly smiled as he nodded.

"Congratulations, Big Brother Ling Tian." Han Xue Nai lightly smiled as she congratulated Duan Ling Tian.

Chapter 599: Treasure?

"There are three days more before the time to gather with the possessors of the other jade swords... Big Brother Ling Tian, have you contacted them during this period of time?" Han Xue Nai looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked.

"No." Duan Ling Tian shook his head.

During this period of time, he'd been busy cultivating, so how could he have time to care about anything else?

"I think that some of them have surely arrived at the Eastern Mulberry Empire's Imperial City at this time... It's even to the extent that they're possibly staying in some of the inns in the Imperial City." Han Xue Nai guessed.

"Perhaps... After we return to the room, we can contact them." Duan Ling Tian nodded, and then he said, "It's late, sleep earlier."

"Mmm." Han Xue Nai nodded, and her eyes were still filled with excitement when she returned to her room.

"This little girl is even more excited than me." Duan Ling Tian shook his head and smiled.

After Duan Ling Tian returned to his room, his gaze flashed. "I've finally advanced my cultivation to the Void Initiation Stage before entering the Sword Monarch's Treasure!"

After washing up, Duan Ling Tian lay on his bed and withdrew the jade sword, and his Origin Energy fused into the Void Transmission Inscription in the jade sword.

Instantly, a sonorous voice that seemed familiar entered into Duan Ling Tian's ears. "Brother, you've finally appeared... We'll be able to meet each other in a few days, I'm really anticipating it."

"Me too." Duan Ling Tian recalled who the owner of this sonorous voice was.

All those years ago, when he was still in the Crimson Sky Kingdom and had contacted the other possessors of the jade swords for the first time via the Voice Transmission Inscription in the jade sword, and he'd precisely contacted this person.

"I've already arrived at the Imperial City of Eastern Mulberry Empire... Where're all of you?" Another voice sounded out.

This was a completely unfamiliar voice to Duan Ling Tian, and it ought to be a possessor of another jade sword.

"I've arrived at the Imperial City as well."

"I haven't arrived yet, I'm still on the way... I ought to be able to arrive at Pheasant Ridge on time, three days from now."

"I'll be able to arrive at the Imperial City of Eastern Mulberry City tomorrow."

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Subsequently, numerous voices sounded out, and they were all the possessors of the other jade swords.

"Right, Brother... Have you brought a friend? According to our agreement, every one of us is able to bring along a person to enter the Sword Monarch's Treasure." Suddenly, the owner of the sonorous voice spoke once again, and he was obviously speaking to Duan Ling Tian.

"Yes, I've brought a friend." Duan Ling Tian replied.

Originally, he was worried that the possessors of the other jade swords might have objections about him bringing Xue Nai to head to the Sword Monarch's Treasure with him.

But now it would seem that it wasn't rude to bring Xue Nai with him.

"But, with Xue Nai's strength, even if it was to kill everyone at the instant the Sword Monarch's Treasure opens up... It wouldn't be a difficult thing." Duan Ling Tian recalled Han Xue Nai's strength, and he felt a slight chill run down his spine.

"Right! If Xue Nai kills everyone at the instant the Sword

Monarch's Treasure opens up... Then wouldn't Xue Nai and I be able to monopolize all the treasures in the Sword Monarch's Treasure?" When he thought up to here, Duan Ling Tian's breathing became slightly hurried.

Dawn the next day, Duan Ling Tian and Han Xue Nai both walked out of their rooms before leaving the inn, and then they had breakfast in a nearby restaurant.

Not long after, the restaurant was seated full with guests.

"I heard that the Tang Clan will auction off a treasure at the square at the center of the city this afternoon... At that time, we can properly join in the fun."

"Doesn't the Tang Clan have its own auction house? Why aren't they auctioning it in the auction house?"

"I don't know about that... But seeing how the Tang Clan is giving wide publicity to it, that treasure is probably extraordinary."

"I'm interested as well after hearing what you said... Let's go together when the time comes."

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A wave of discussion sounded out from the table beside Duan Ling Tian, and it was three young man wearing embroidered

clothes that were chatting idly.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, let's go join in the fun in the afternoon as well?" Han Xue Nai's eyes glowed, and she was obviously interested in the treasure of the Tang Clan.

"Okay." Duan Ling Tian nodded as he was interested as well.

"It would be great if it's the Ageless Root..." Duan Ling Tian sighed in his heart.

But he knew that that was practically an impossible thing.

Even if the Tang Clan had an Ageless Root, it would probably be impossible for them to give so much publicity to it.

The center square of the Imperial City of Eastern Mulberry Empire was undoubtedly an existence that was similar to the center square at the Imperial City of Darkstone Empire, and it was extremely bustling with streams of people gushing about.

At that day, the Darkstone Empire's Young Genius Competition was held in a similar place of the Imperial City of Darkstone Empire.

As far as Duan Ling Tian was concerned, since the Tang Clan was doing it in such a grand scale, that treasure would surely be a publicly acknowledged treasure and not the Ageless Root that many people would be unable to recognize.

After they ate their breakfast, they started to walk around the Imperial City.

All along the way, Duan Ling Tian could hear that every corner of the Imperial City was now filled with the news about the treasure the Tang Clan would auction off in the afternoon.

"We must go earlier in the afternoon so that we can occupy a good spot."

"It would be great if I was a martial artist at the Void Prying Stage or above, there're many spots in the sky."

"Yeah, if it's an existence at the Void Prying Stage or above, they utterly have no need of fighting for spots on the ground."

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Duan Ling Tian was able to hear these discussions from all over.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, I'm more and more interested towards the thing that the Tang Clan is going to auction off later in the afternoon." Han Xue Nai giggled as her eyes that were like water revealed a trace of slyness.

"Xue Nai, if you like it later, I'll buy it for you." Duan Ling Tian was rather confident now.

All along the way, the wealth in his possession had already accumulated to an extremely terrifying degree.

During these past few years, not only had he found and plundered a great amount of wealth, even the Spatial Rings of the people that died in his hands contained a great deal of wealth.

His wealth accumulated more and more.

Up until today, he was slightly unable to remember exactly how much wealth was in his possession.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, if I'm really interested, then I'll directly seize it... Is there any need for you to spend money?" Han Xue Nai blinked her sly eyes as she smiled.

The corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth couldn't help but twitch when he heard this.

Right, with Xue Nai's strength, it wasn't difficult to seize a treasure from the hands of the Eastern Mulberry Empire's Tang Clan.

After all, even if it was the number one expert of the Darkstone Empire, King Yong, was extremely terrified before Xue Nai.

The strongest expert in this Eastern Mulberry Empire would at

most be at the same level as King Yong and was most probably inferior to Xue Nai.

At the afternoon, Duan Ling Tian brought along Han Xue Nai and the two little pythons to fly in the air and arrive at the center square of the Imperial City.

"So many people." Duan Ling Tian looked down at the center square, he noticed there was a huge crowd of people, to the point he could see numerous heads ceaselessly flowing about, and it was extremely bustling.

Presently, there were many Void Prying Stage martial artists high above in the sky.

These martial artists had mostly come to join in the fun.

"The Tang Clan made such a commotion today, I wonder what treasure they want to auction off..." Someone spoke curiously.

"No matter what treasure it is, we must properly widen our knowledge today."

"The Tang Clan has never sought popularity by issuing shocking statements before. I presume they're really going to auction of an extraordinary treasure today."

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More and more martial artists at the Void Prying Stage and above converged and discussed animatedly.

Duan Ling Tian and Han Xue Nai stood in the sky closest to the square.

Presently, a high platform stood at the center of the square.

This high platform had just been established, and it was obviously specially built by the Tang Clan for the sake of the auction this afternoon.

Whoosh!

A young man in embroidered clothes flashed over from far away, and he descended not far from Duan Ling Tian and Han Xue Nai.

Duan Ling Tian didn't have any reaction to this, whereas, Han Xue Nai had frowned instead, and then she turned to the side to look at the young man. "You, go away! Don't stand beside me and my Big Brother Ling Tian and disturb us."

Obviously, Han Xue Nai had taken this area of the sky that she and Duan Ling Tian stood in to be her own private territory.

The embroidered clothed young man was first stunned when he heard Han Xue Nai, and when he turned around and saw Han Xue

Nai's appearance, he revealed a smile of lust. "Little lady, don't worry, Big Brother guarantees to not disturb you."

"But little lady, you're really beautiful... Smile for Big Brother." The young man in embroidered clothes spoke frivolously as he flew forward to approach Han Xue Nai.

At the same time, he stretched out his hand towards Han Xue Nai's chin.

Duan Ling Tian glanced at the embroidered clothed young man with pity.

He knew that misfortune was about to strike this fellow.

At practically the instant that this thought emerged in Duan Ling Tian's mind.

Swish! Swish!

Two ear piercing howls resounded out.

A black and a white bolt of lightning flashed out from beneath Han Xue Nai's sleeve and flashed straight towards the young man.

In the next moment, a bloody hole had appeared on both the chest and throat of the young man, and dazzling and resplendent fresh blood sprayed out from the holes.

The young man didn't even have the time to emit a shrill cry, and he maintained the posture of wanting to touch Han Xue Nai's chin as he directly felt downwards.

Bang!

The young man descended onto the high platform that was built at the center of the square, and he was completely devoid of any signs of life.

Dead!

Instantly the surroundings went into an uproar.

"Isn't this the Bai Clan's Third Young Master, Bai Fan?"

"Exactly, it's Bai Fan! I truly never imagined that this Bai Fan would walk unhindered in the Imperial City of our Eastern Mulberry Empire for so long, yet has fallen here today."

"Yeah, I truly never imagined this."

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Waves of exclamations sounded out from all over in a timely manner.

Of course, most of them were taking pleasure in his misfortune.

Obviously, Bai Fan's public reputation wasn't good.

"Hiss hiss~" Meanwhile, the two little pythons returned to Han Xue Nai's hand, and they glared fiercely at Bai Fan's corpse.

"Alright, he's already dead." Han Xue Nai smiled lightly, and she lightly rubbed the little heads of the two little fellows.

The two little fellows instantly closed their eyes in enjoyment.

"Xue Nai, even I feel slightly jealous from seeing Little Black and Little White be so intimate with you." Duan Ling Tian joked.

But Han Xue Nai was able to perceive that he was joking, yet the two little pythons weren't able to.

Swish! Swish!

In the next moment, a black and a white bolt of lightning flashed out from Han Xue Nai's hand and descended onto Duan Ling Tian's shoulder in the end.

"Hiss hiss~"

"Hiss hiss~"

The two little pythons flicked their tongues to lick Duan Ling Tian's face as if they were consoling him.

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Duan Ling Tian held the two little pythons in his hand, and his eyes were filled with gentleness.

Presently, Little White had followed behind Little Black to break through to the third level of the Void Initiation Stage as well...

That Bai Clan's Third Young Master, Bai Fan, was a Void Prying Stage martial artist at most, and he wasn't able to resist in the slightest before the two little pythons.

He even hadn't even reacted before he was killed.

"Fan!" Right at this moment, a voice that was like a thunderclap and contained boundless rage sounded out from afar.

Duan Ling Tian slightly turned around, and he could see a middle aged man under the escort of two old men was flying over with a speed that instantly increased to the limit.

In the blink of an eye, the middle aged man plunged down to descend onto the high platform at the center of the square, and then he embraced Bai Fan in his arms as he cried out sorrowfully. "Fan! Fan!!"

"It's the Bai Clan's Second Master, Bai Ming!"

"Looks like not only the Bai Clan's Third Young Master, Bai Fan, came to join in the fun today, even his father, Bai Ming, has come."

"Bai Fan probably came with his father and had arrived a step before him, yet was killed in the end."

"That young man and young girl, and the snake type demon beasts by their side are probably going to be struck with misfortune."

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The surrounding crowd of spectators whispered in discussion.

Most of the people glanced at Duan Ling Tian and Han Xue Nai with gazes of pity.

But Duan Ling Tian and Han Xue Nai weren't affected in the slightest, and they stood on the spot in the air with carefree expression as if their expression wouldn't change even if Mount Tai collapsed before them.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

Meanwhile, the middle aged man brought along the two old men to fly over, and they stood not far away before and behind Duan Ling Tian and Han Xue Nai, as if they were preventing Duan Ling

Tian and Han Xue Nai from fleeing.

After that, Bai Ming finally recovered his senses, and he who was extremely aggrieved and enraged embraced his dead son as he soared into the sky to form a triangular shape with the two old men to surround Duan Ling Tian and Han Xue Nai in the center.

"You dare kill the son of I, Bai Ming... I'll make both of you pay with your lives today!!" Bai Ming gnashed his teeth and spoke word by word.

At this moment, Bai Ming was enraged to the limit.

In his entire lifetime, he'd been obsessed in the Martial Dao, and he only had a single son.

Now, his son had died because of the people before him.

"Bai Clan's Second master?" Duan Ling Tian glanced indifferently at Bai Ming. "When you speak these words... Shouldn't you first ask why I would kill your son?"

Earlier, if it wasn't for that Bai Fan raising his hand against Han Xue Nai, Little Black and Little White wouldn't have launched a killing blow at him.

"There's no need!" Bei Ming snorted coldly, and his eyes were filled with a sheen of ruthlessness. "No matter for what reason, or because of what... Since both of you have killed my son, then you

have to buried with him!!"

When he spoke up to here, the Origin Energy on Bai Ming's body raged and skyrocketed.

In the sky above him, 10 ancient horned dragon silhouettes condensed into form before spiraling down, and they emitted an extremely strong oppressive feeling.

Seventh level of the Void Initiation Stage!

"As expected of the Bai Clan's Second Master that's able to possesses the same strength as the Bai Clan's Ancestor and be one of the two great experts of the Bai Clan, he deserves his reputation."

"Now that this Bai Clan's Second Master is infuriated, this young man and young girl are probably dead for sure."

"They were too rash to actually kill Bai Fan... Could it be that they didn't know that Bai Fan was the most important thing to the Bai Clan's Second Master?"

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The surrounding people silently mourned for Duan Ling Tian and Han Xue Nai.

"No matter for what reason, or because of what... Since both of you have killed my son, then you have to be buried with him!!" Bai Ming's words angered Duan Ling Tian to the point his expression sank slightly.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, you can't get through to some people with reason... To them, strength is sufficient to replace any reason." Han Xue Nai had a calm expression, and she didn't get angry from Bai Ming's words.

Or perhaps, from the beginning until the end, she didn't take Bai Ming seriously at all.

"Yes, Xue Nai, do as you wish in this matter." Duan Ling Tian nodded, and then he didn't say anything further as he coldly watched from the sidelines.

"Kill them!" Bai Ming shouted out explosively, and he held Bai Fan's corpse in one hand as the other hand slapped out like a lead fan.

Bang!

Waves of red colored energy leaped up on the palm that Origin Energy raged upon, and then it was swept out to blast towards Duan Ling Tian, wanting to directly blast Duan Ling Tian to death.

At the same time, another six ancient horned dragon silhouettes appeared above Bai Ming...

Sixth level Fire Concept!

Whoosh!

Bai Ming's palm assaulted over, causing Duan Ling Tian to feel an exceedingly scorching strong wind assault his face, and the scorching aura grew greater and greater as it ceaselessly surged.

In the end, Duan Ling Tian's forehead couldn't help but start to sweat.

Although Duan Ling Tian felt extremely great pressure when faced with Bai Ming's palm strike that approached menacingly, he didn't have any intention of dodging.

He stood on the spot without moving like a mountain.

"Has this young man gone mad? He still dares stand stupidly there at a time like this?" Many surrounding spectators were dumbstruck.

"Perhaps, he feels that he can't escape death today at any rate, so he directly abandoned all resistance... Do you think he can live before the Bai Clan's Second Master?" Some people had different thoughts.

"You have a point." His words obtained the agreement of many

people.

At this moment, most of the people looked at Duan Ling Tian with gazes filled with pity.

They didn't think that Duan Ling Tian would be able to survive under Bai Ming's palm strike.

For a time, the atmosphere at the scene was slightly oppressive.

Right at this moment, a sudden voice broke the oppressive atmosphere at the scene.

"You dare attack Big Brother Ling Tian? You're courting death!" Under the gazes of everyone present, the yellow clothed young girl that stood in the air spoke.

At the same time that she spoke, the people present didn't see the yellow clothed young girl make any movements.

Whoosh!

In the next moment, an aura that was icy cold to the limit suddenly exploded out in the sky, and it covered the heaven and the earth as it swept down, causing the people present to be frozen to the point they couldn't help but shudder.

When they returned to their senses, they saw a scene that they

couldn't forget in their entire lifetimes.

They saw the Bai Clan's Second Master, Bai Ming, who was attacking the violet clothed young man stop in the air, and then he transformed into an ice sculpture.

Along with him, Bai Fan's corpse that was in his embrace transformed into an ice sculpture.

The people present could clearly see that the Flame Concept on Bai Ming's body had already completely been suppressed by the ice that enveloped him now.

Not only that, the Origin Energy on his body was ceaselessly dispersing.

After a short moment, the Origin Energy on Bai Ming's body vanished without a trace.

Meanwhile, his body lost its final reliance, and it crashed only the ground along with the ice that covered his body.

Bang!

An enormous bang sounded out, and everyone clearly saw that Bai Ming's entire body fell onto the ground and shattered along with the ice that covered his body, transforming into countless pieces of ice.

Bai Ming, the Bai Clan's Second Master, one of only two seventh level Void Initiation Stage experts of the Bai Clan, was dead!

The scene was deathly silent as most of the people were dumbstruck as they looked at the shattered ice the covered the entire ground.

A single complete piece couldn't be seen amongst these shattered ices.

"Ice... Ice Concept!" In next to no time, someone exclaimed out in surprise with a trembling voice.

His words caused everyone present to be unable to refrain from recovering from their shock, and they unconsciously looked at the yellow clothed young girl that was high above in the sky with eyes that were filled with terror and reverence.

This yellow clothed young girl was at most 15 or 16 in age from her appearance.

In the beginning, many people were extremely shocked when they saw the yellow clothed young girl appear.

A 15 or 16 year old girl standing in the air was undoubtedly saying from another angle that her cultivation was at the Void Prying Stage or above.

This was something that was already sufficient to shock people to the point they were speechless for a long time.

But now, the yellow clothed young girl had shocked everyone once more.

As soon as the young girl finished speaking, she caused a seventh level Void Initiation Stage martial artist to transform into an ice sculpture that plunged to the ground and died a graveless death.

Such shocking ability was something that all of them had seen for the first time, and shock and terror arose from the bottom of their hearts.

Most importantly, all of this was caused by a young girl, and they didn't even clearly see how she attacked when the Bai Clan's Second Master was already gone.

"Was it really her who attacked?" Many people wondered as they didn't dare believe all this was true.

A 15 or 16 year old young girl had killed an existence at the seventh level of the Void Prying Stage...

Even if it was in the entire Foreign Lands, probably no one would be able to achieve this, right?

Let alone a mere Eastern Mulberry Empire.

"I didn't see clearly if it was her who attacked... But I can be sure that even if it wasn't her, it was a person that was protecting her from the shadows that launched the attack."

"Looks like her identity isn't simple, she actually has an expert that's able to instantly kill the Bai Clan's Second Master concealed by her side."

"That expert is an existence that has comprehended the extremely rare Ice Concept."

"Supposedly, amongst the various Concepts of nature, the Ice Concept can be considered to be a Concept that's at the top! Now that I've seen it today, it's really worthy of its reputation."

"It's too terrifying... Sealing a person in ice in the blink of an eye and transforming the person into an ice sculpture before causing him to fall into pieces by himself."

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The surrounding crowd of spectators discussed without end, and their tone was filled with fear, fear towards Han Xue Nai.

Of course, there were also some people with comparatively high cultivations present, and they'd noticed the numerous ancient horned dragon silhouettes that had flashed above Han Xue Nai.

Although they didn't clearly see how many ancient horned dragon silhouettes there were in total, they could be sure that it was indeed this yellow clothed young girl that had attacked earlier to seal the Bai Clan's Second Master, Bai Ming, in ice.

"Second... Second Master..." The two old men that followed Bai Ming looked at the shattered ice that covered the entire ground, and their withered bodies lightly trembled.

The scene before their eyes had exceeded their expectations.

The Second Master was one of the two great experts of their Bai Clan, and his strength was equal to their Bai Clan's Ancestor.

But in the blink of an eye, he'd instead been killed, and they felt it was slightly difficult to accept this.

"Do you two old fellows want to continue staying here and take revenge for that Second Master and Third Young Master of yours... Or do the two of you want to f**k off from my sight?" Han Xue Nai's gaze lazily descended onto the two old men, and her voice that was like an oriole contained slight impatience mixed within.

The two old men's bodies trembled as if they were struck by lightning when they heard this.

In the next moment, they didn't dare hesitate to flee hastily towards the distance, and they vanished from the eyes of everyone in the center square.

What a joke!

Even the Second Master had been killed instantly.

They would only be courting death if they stayed.

They knew clearly in their hearts that their Bai Clan's Second Master and Third Young Master had offended an existence that the entire Bai Clan couldn't afford to offend.

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